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Dear Minister

## **Advanced Survey and Title Services (ASaTS) Project for Land Information New Zealand (LINZ).**

We write in support of the letter from the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors (NZIS) of 2 May 2018, requesting Government's continued support, prioritisation, and Crown funding of the ASaTS project.

The *Institute of Cadastral Surveying Inc* (ICS) provides focused cadastral survey representation on behalf of our members and the public.

In addition to development priority for ASaTS, we believe greater emphasis is currently required for the maintenance of the existing Landonline system (introduced in 2000) to ensure it remains as efficient and fit-for-purpose as possible in the interim.

It would appear past and current funding for the development of ASaTS by LINZ, is by gross over-recovery of actual costs paid for individual property survey and titles transactions in Landonline. Our members have never been formally advised of this, and consider this to be unacceptable. Fees currently paid significantly exceed costs for the provision of these services, and lead to an increase in the cost of land and housing.

There are a number of additional features proposed by LINZ for the new ASaTS system such as greater accessibility for the public, a 3D (height) cadastre, and inclusion of a Crown Land Index. Many of these features have no value to our current fee-paying clients, and who will derive no benefit from these enhanced capabilities. Indeed, many of the advantages of such a service accrue to the public generally, other third-party consumers of cadastral data, and some to the Crown directly in managing its own land portfolio.

We therefore urge you to provide sufficient Crown resource into the development and operation of the new ASaTS system, a system which will continue to protect property rights and which largely underpins our economy.

Yours faithfully

**Pat Sole**  
President