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Dear Brent

Clarification of the Process for Boundary Conflict Surveys

I refer to your letter of 28 September 2017.

Property boundary issues created by the Canterbury earthquakes are both complex and important to the property owners of Christchurch.

For the vast majority of properties in greater Christchurch we have achieved a position where property owners have certainty in relation to their surveying and titles and there is public confidence in the cadastre. This has been supported by the Canterbury Property Boundaries and Related Matters Act 2016 (the Act) and associated Surveyor-General Rules and guidelines. I recognise the important contribution that has been made by surveyors, including members of the Institute of Cadastral Surveying, in actively assisting LINZ to work through these complex problems and achieving the current position.

The response to the earthquakes has now reached the point where we can focus on the small number of legacy issues associated with post-earthquake reforms. One of these issues is the "boundary conflict surveys" referred to in your letter.

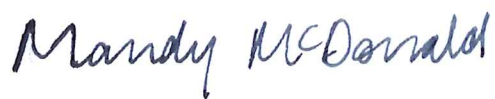
LINZ has two work streams associated with these "boundary conflicts". The first is LINZ working collaboratively with Christchurch surveyors when they discover conflicts with interim surveys while carrying out surveys prepared in accordance with the boundaries moved principle. We ask that potential conflicts are brought to the attention of LINZ as early as possible. This can be achieved by submitting a "Survey_Earthquake Complex" request from within Landonline.

LINZ has formed an Expert Advisory Committee that includes senior LINZ survey and title staff to consider these conflicts. This process is designed to provide surveyors and solicitors in Greater Christchurch with efficient access to the relevant expertise within LINZ. Any feedback on how this process is working, from a practitioner's view, would be appreciated so we can improve the process.

The second work stream is looking at the longer term implications and issues in comparison to the current reactive approach that is the first work stream. This work will include quantifying the number and type of approved interim surveys that have a potential for boundary conflict. This is a relatively complex task and is expected to take at least 6 months. It will be informed by the cases handled by the Expert Advisory Committee, of which there have been 10 so far. LINZ will consider this information once available.

In the meantime I assure you that LINZ is committed to ensuring that public confidence in the cadastre is maintained.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mandy McDonald".

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