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Dear Pat

Re: Review of Survey Fees

Thank you for your letter of 18 January 2018 to Andrew Crisp, which I am responding to at his request. We appreciate you raising these issues and providing the Institute of Cadastral Surveying perspective on survey fees.

As you noted, survey fees exist in a wider context that has over the past 20 years included the Landonline development (which has both survey and title information to provide an authoritative database for all land professionals) and the move towards utilising more electronic tools in both the practice of surveying and the processing of cadastral survey datasets.

Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) is committed to improving the efficiency and usability of the survey and title system for its customers.

You will be aware of the Advanced Survey and Title Services (ASaTS) project which is being considered to replace the existing Landonline system. ASaTS will be a significant advancement and will improve the quality and usability of survey services using next generation technology.

One of the key focus areas for LINZ is progressing the options for ASaTS. It is anticipated ASaTS will have a major impact on LINZ's survey and title services and will require a comprehensive review of all of the associated fees. The points raised by your letter will be considered as part of this comprehensive fees review; this is the most effective way to ensure that changes to the fees do not have unintended consequences. It is expected this fees review will commence when final decisions on ASaTS are made and will build on the work started in the 2016 fees review. As part of this review we will be considering the full implications of the recent changes to the Land Transfer Act.

As part of the future survey and title fees review, public consultation will be undertaken on proposed changes to the fees and LINZ will be seeking input from the Institute of Cadastral Surveying. I recognise the important contribution that has been made by the members of the Institute of Cadastral Surveying in assisting LINZ in the past. The most recent example has been the work on the impacts of the Christchurch earthquake sequences. I hope that this contribution continues when LINZ issues consultation documents on a survey and title fees review.

In relation to your issue of the fee for the Request Product List, I understand that you have already been in touch with the Land Registry Systems Team and that a fix is in progress. Brian Evans, Manager Land Registry Systems, has advised that all customers that are affected will be contacted and any incorrect charges will be credited. Thank you for bringing this issue to LINZ's attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Turner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Russell Turner
Deputy Chief Executive

cc: Hon Eugenie Sage, Minister for Land Information
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