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STEP (SURVEY AND TITLE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME)

The STEP Cadastral Survey Working Group convened in Wellington on 19th May to inspect progress and provide feedback on progress to date with the Survey Interface. ICS Executive member Alex Liggett reports back as follows:

While foundational work is ongoing it is very encouraging to see progress on the new survey interface, which is very fast, slick and intuitive. Particularly encouraging is evidence that Working Group feedback from previous sessions is being incorporated into the design. The planned rollout of the new survey interface will see it made available for the Survey Working Group in August 2021, followed by release to a larger group later in the year and a general release by the end of 2021. At that time it is expected that functionality will include LandXML upload and the ability to edit marks, vectors and parcels. Plan generation will still be undertaken in 'legacy' Landonline until a decision is made on the future form of plans. It will be possible to switch between STEP and 'legacy' interfaces at any time.

The Landonline database is due to be migrated to the new STEP platform in around April 2022 - all going well this change will go unnoticed by users.

In tandem with the development of new survey, titles, TA and search interfaces is the development of a new 3D Data Model to replace (or at least enhance) the current LandXML format. This work is being undertaken in conjunction with Australian jurisdictions, and the completion of this work will drive development of new or improved third party software (such as 12d) with a view to keeping as much of the process of integrating Cadastral Survey data into Landonline within the third party software.

The other ongoing development is work on the new Landonline Web Search to incorporate transactional uses such as extracting survey data via LandXML. No exact timeline for this work was available but watch this space.

One of the philosophical changes that the survey and legal working groups hope will be incorporated into the finished product are tools to help surveyors and solicitors to work more closely together. These might include an ability for solicitors to view unsubmitted survey data spatially, and a collaborative easement schedule/document creation tool. Again, keep watching for updates.

Please get in touch with Alex (treasurer@ics.org.nz) with questions or feedback.

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ADVERTISING AND RECRUITMENT

The following information was provided from the School of Surveying and relates to the recruitment advertising requirements for 2021.

The job advertising and marketing period will be between 26-July and 6-August, with the interviewing period set to be from 16-August through to 27-August. [Click here](#) to view the University's information sheet.