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LICENSING BOARD**
of WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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Mutual Recognition Schemes
Product Commission
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RE: Study into the Operation of Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) and the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Arrangement (TTMRA) Draft Report

With reference to the Land Surveyors Licensing Board of Western Australia (the Board) submission to the study into the operation of Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) and the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Arrangement (TTMRA), the Board believes the outline of its condition on pages 10 and 125 of the draft report has not provided the full context of the condition.

The Board respectfully request that the draft report be amended to clarify the condition by considering its original submission and the following.

Under reciprocal arrangements between other States and NZ, licensed surveyor can be registered in Western Australia by providing evidence that they are authorised to practice in another jurisdictions. After registration, no conditions are placed on the surveyor's registration and no conditions are imposed to retain registration in WA. Unlike other jurisdictions, surveyors in Western Australia retain their registration whether they are practising or not.

The restriction is applied to Western Australian surveyors who have renewed their Practising Certificate after not practising for a number of years and surveyors registered under reciprocal arrangements. As noted on page 125 of the draft report, the restriction is lifted after the surveyor passes the Board's Application of Survey Law exam. The Board does not categorise this restriction on the Practising Certificate as a response to shopping and hopping.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the draft report.

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Secretary