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POLICY RESOLUTION NO 27

Topic Unauthorised Surveys

Subject Meanings for 'Survey' and 'Unauthorised Survey'

Policy The Board resolved to clarify the definition of 'survey' and 'unauthorised survey' under the *Licensed Surveyors Act 1983* (the Act). The Board determined that:

Under **s4 Definitions**, survey means a measurement or delimitation of land boundaries authorised or required under three categories (a), (b) or (c) and includes all matters incidental to or consequent upon such measurement or delimitation. The Board understands that such land boundary surveys include:

- those required under relevant legislation for creation and registration of new boundaries; or
- definition, re-establishment or remarking of existing boundaries for any purpose; or
- delimitation of land boundaries on plans or digital data where existing site features such as structures or fencing is also delimited.

Under **s48 Unauthorized surveys etc.**, land boundary surveys shall not be undertaken by any person other than a licensed surveyor or a person employed under their supervision. Consequently, a survey as defined by the Act and clarified above is unauthorised if it is undertaken by any other person, and is therefore in breach of the Act.

ADOPTED in the meeting of 14 July 2026.

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Chairperson