

## Spatial Services Initiatives to Improve the Preservation of Survey Infrastructure

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### ABSTRACT

*Survey marks are protected under Section 24 of the Surveying and Spatial Information Act, and significant penalties are applicable if the proper procedures are not followed for their removal and replacement. While survey marks underpin the definition of cadastral boundaries, they are not recognised as critical or significant like other pieces of infrastructure such as telephone, water or gas. Historically, survey marks have been destroyed in large numbers with no consequences, either through ignorance or blatant disregard for their importance. The Office of the Surveyor General recognised that work needed to be done to rectify this situation and has been working on a number of initiatives, including the remake of Surveyor General's Direction No.11 (Preservation of Survey Infrastructure), signing the collaborative agreement with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), and the Survey Marks App. This presentation outlines some of these changes and the innovations being implemented by Spatial Services staff to manage and mitigate the organisation's risk and ensure the integrity of the state control survey network and cadastre are maintained.*

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