

Discussion Forum: Review of the Surveying and Spatial Information Act

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ABSTRACT

The Surveying and Spatial Information Act (formerly known as the Surveying Act) commenced in 2002 and was reviewed in 2007. It makes provision with respect to the functions of the Surveyor-General, the registration of surveyors, the control of surveys and the constitution and functions of the Board of Surveying and Spatial Information (BOSSI). There has been significant change in the industry during this time and while there is a requirement to review the Surveying and Spatial Information Regulation every 5 years, there is no statutory requirement to review the Act. During 2017, BOSSI undertook an internal review of its structure and functions. As a result, BOSSI has decided to initiate a review of the Act. This discussion forum provides delegates with a summary of the BOSSI review and the opportunity to provide their thoughts on the following:

- *Objectives of the Act.*
- *Definition of a land survey.*
- *Functions of BOSSI.*
- *Registration of surveyors.*
- *Supervision, investigation and discipline.*

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