

ANNUAL REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION OF THE *Foreign Ownership of Land Register Act 1988*

This report is provided in accordance with Section 16(1) of the *Foreign Ownership of Land Register Act 1988* (Old) (the Act) and covers registry operations for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004.

All foreigners, as defined in the Act, are required to notify the Registrar of Titles of any acquisition or disposal of land or an interest in land. Notifications given in compliance with these requirements are maintained in the Foreign Ownership of Land Register. Foreign ownership of land in the State is monitored to the extent of the notifications received.

Registry statistics compiled from notifications of acquisition and disposal reveal that, as at 30 June 2004, foreign owned interests in land totalled 1,243,924 hectares, and represented 0.72% of the State's land area.

There are 127 countries of origin recorded in the register.

Information held in the register is accessible through Department of Natural Resources Mines and Energy service centres. Revenue generated from searches conducted and reports provided during the year totalled \$20,279.80.



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1. Annual value of acquisitions

2001/02		2002/03		2003/04	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
Malaysia	216,332,999	United Kingdom	120,980,443	United Kingdom	152,629,022
Japan	127,909,413	Japan	53,619,425	Japan	74,293,615
United Kingdom	112,051,027	Singapore	46,551,932	NZ	56,922,887
FRG	76,735,900	NZ	40,894,816	Netherlands	41,419,772
NZ	50,182,320	USA	30,795,008	USA	38,072,046
Singapore	24,801,361	Hong Kong	25,378,140	Singapore	30,799,698
Others	170,130,528	Others	157,269,156	Others	202,909,746
Total	778,143,548	Total	475,488,920	Total	597,046,786

Table 1 shows the six countries with the highest recorded annual value of acquisitions for each of the three years prior to 30 June 2004.

2. Land areas owned by nationality.*

2001/02		2002/03		2003/04	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
United Kingdom	293,558	Japan	544,608	United Kingdom	433,579
USA	266,918	United Kingdom	375,376	Japan	200,931
Japan	230,007	United States	252,206	United States	154,844
PNG	208,534	FRG	112,552	FRG	112,445
FRG	113,282	Canada	96,829	Canada	96,733
Canada	96,627	Netherlands	75,545	Hong Kong	35,817
Others	306,218	Others	216,129	Others	209,575
Total	1,515,144	Total	1,673,245	Total	1,243,924

Table 2 shows the six foreign nationalities with the highest recorded land ownership by area for each of the three years to 30 June 2004.

*Approximate areas only.

3. Land parcels owned by nationality.

2001/02		2002/03		2003/04	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
Japan	4,210	United Kingdom	4,220	United Kingdom	4,163
United Kingdom	3,556	Japan	3,152	Japan	2,798
NZ	3,284	NZ	2,807	NZ	2,462
USA	2,942	USA	2,168	USA	2,101
Singapore	2,588	Singapore	2,071	Singapore	1,767
Hong Kong	1,330	FRG	1,198	FRG	1,124
Others	8,166	Others	7,888	Others	7,674
Total	26,076	Total	23,504	Total	22,089

Table 3 shows the six foreign nationalities with the highest recorded ownership of land parcels for each of the three years to 30 June 2004.

Code	Country
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany
NZ	New Zealand
PNG	Papua New Guinea
USA	United States of America

Annual Value of Acquisitions					
Brisbane City Council		Cairns City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
2003/04		2003/04		2003/04	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
Netherlands	\$28,028,000	UK	\$7,199,083	Japan	\$33,748,583
France	\$16,874,724	USA	\$2,570,000	UK	\$29,048,850
UK	\$16,007,184	Japan	\$2,414,000	China	\$19,983,500
Singapore	\$9,257,514	NZ	\$1,281,000	USA	\$15,542,105
NZ	\$7,595,700	Hong Kong	\$805,000	NZ	\$13,659,049
China	\$5,522,800	Canada	\$663,166	Singapore	\$10,785,288
USA	\$4,476,500	Singapore	\$645,000	South Africa	\$8,449,801
South Africa	\$3,525,992	South Africa	\$552,000	Korea, Republic of	\$5,402,500
Korea, Republic of	\$3,380,776	Belgium	\$550,000	Malaysia	\$4,851,900
Others	\$18,841,600	Others	\$3,050,300	Others	\$29,649,851
Total	\$113,510,791	Total	\$19,729,549.00	Total	\$171,121,427.00

NOTE: Following two tables depicts the status of the Foreign Ownership of Land Register as at 13/8/04.

Countries by Area Order					
Brisbane City Council		Cairns City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
UK	422	Japan	793	Japan	1267
USA	365	Belgium	285	USA	881
Singapore	218	Cayman Islands	118	NZ	686
Hong Kong	121	Malaysia	81	New Caledonia	388
FRG	63	Austria	48	Malaysia	317
Netherlands	55	Netherlands	36	Singapore	262
Japan	51	UK	11	UK	178
NZ	27	USA	11	South Africa	177
Switzerland	13	Singapore	4	Hong Kong	164
Others	90	Others	20	Others	464
Total	1425	Total	1407	Total	4784

Countries by Parcels Owned Order					
Brisbane City Council		Cairns City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
Hong Kong	537	Japan	304	NZ	1400
Singapore	455	UK	107	Japan	973
UK	386	NZ	64	Singapore	865
USA	289	PNG	52	UK	347
NZ	232	USA	49	Malaysia	254
Malaysia	126	Hong Kong	39	New Caledonia	248
Japan	95	FRG	27	USA	201
Indonesia	84	Italy	20	Hong Kong	199
Taiwan	77	Belgium	20	Bermuda	169
Others	647	Others	123	Others	1259
Total	2928	Total	805	Total	5915

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Annual Value of Acquisitions					
Caloundra City Council		Maroochy Shire Council		Noosa Council	
2003/04		2003/04		2003/04	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
UK	\$3,004,160	UK	\$27,016,800	UK	\$17,712,500
Singapore	\$1,875,000	Singapore	\$15,595,000	NZ	\$6,960,270
NZ	\$1,425,000	NZ	\$4,265,500	Hong Kong	\$2,200,000
Sweden	\$1,250,000	Hong Kong	\$1,560,800	USA	\$1,243,878
Canada	\$1,175,000	USA	\$1,385,000	FRG	\$1,200,000
Zimbabwe	\$305,000	South Africa	\$1,227,000	Israel	\$1,095,000
New Caledonia	\$206,000	Ireland	\$521,000	Japan	\$625,000
South Africa	\$75,000	Zimbabwe	\$395,000	Singapore	\$620,000
USA	\$20,950	Netherlands	\$345,000	Netherlands	\$515,000
Others	N/A	Others	\$527,000	Others	\$387,500
Total	\$9,336,110.00	Total	\$52,838,100.00	Total	\$32,559,148.00

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Caloundra City Council		Maroochy Shire Council		Noosa Council	
As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
Switzerland	114	UK	455	USA	159
UK	106	Belgium	421	UK	104
NZ	70	UAE	239	Virgin Islands	61
FRG	63	NZ	182	Malaysia	58
Hong Kong	55	Japan	112	FRG	45
Indonesia	50	USA	43	NZ	15
Thailand	29	Switzerland	39	Netherlands	13
USA	27	Ireland	17	Japan	10
New Caledonia	20	FRG	15	Singapore	5
Others	35	Others	39	Others	10
Total	569	Total	1562	Total	480

Countries by Parcels Owned Order					
Caloundra City Council		Maroochy Shire Council		Noosa Council	
As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
UK	51	UK	145	NZ	130
NZ	40	NZ	131	UK	114
USA	33	Japan	130	USA	38
Hong Kong	17	Belgium	69	FRG	27
PNG	12	USA	64	Japan	21
Canada	10	Singapore	43	Hong Kong	19
Indonesia	9	Hong Kong	24	Singapore	13
Singapore	8	FRG	20	Switzerland	9
FRG	7	Canada	15	Netherlands	6
Others	45	Others	82	Others	51
Total	232	Total	723	Total	428

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Annual Value of Acquisitions					
Calliope Shire Council		Miriam Vale Shire Council		Hervey Bay City Council	
2003/04		2003/04		2003/04	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
Netherlands	\$10,652,272	UK	\$388,000	USA	\$650,000
South Africa	\$448,000	Sweden	\$243,000	UAE	\$350,000
Ireland	\$152,500	Namibia	\$41,000	Pakistan	\$242,500
UK	\$152,500	France	\$22,000	Canada	\$225,000
Others	N/A	Others	N/A	HK	\$200,000
				UK	\$187,000
				Switzerland	\$92,000
				Austria	\$23,000
				Others	N/A
Total	\$11,405,272.00	Total	\$694,000.00	Total	\$1,969,500.00

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Countries by Area Order					
Calliope Shire Council		Miriam Vale Shire Council		Hervey Bay City Council	
As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
USA	14,903	Hong Kong	1,264	FRG	86
Netherlands	3,056	Switzerland	393	USA	23
Switzerland	731	Japan	265	Italy	15
UK	125	USA	184	UK	8
Austria	85	Malaysia	138	Virgin Islands	7
Japan	62	UK	36	Netherlands	2
FRG	4	Canada	24	Switzerland	2
South Africa	1	NZ	24	NZ	1
NZ	.06	Namibia	21	South Africa	1
Others	1	Others	36	Others	2
Total	18,968.06	Total	2,385	Total	147

Countries by Parcels Owned Order					
Calliope Shire Council		Miriam Vale Shire Council		Hervey Bay City Council	
As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
Switzerland	50	UK	10	UK	25
USA	37	USA	9	NZ	11
Netherlands	21	NZ	4	FRG	8
Austria	20	Switzerland	2	Virgin Islands	7
Japan	13	Japan	2	Switzerland	6
UK	7	HK	2	South Africa	5
South Africa	5	FRG	2	USA	5
FRG	1	Canada	2	Malaysia	3
NZ	1	Namibia	1	Netherlands	2
Others	2	Others	5	Others	17
Total	157	Total	39	Total	89

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Annual Value of Acquisitions					
Townsville City Council		Thuringowa City Council			
2003/04		2003/04			
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
UK	\$742,000	NZ	\$320,000		
NZ	\$450,000	Netherlands	\$203,000		
USA	\$135,000	UK	\$65,000		
Seychelles	\$90,000				
Myanmar	\$54,000				
Total	\$1,471,000.00	Total	\$588,000.00	Total	

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Townsville City Council		Thuringowa City Council			
As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
USA	267	USA	816		
Korea, Republic of	24	UK	423		
UK	14	Liechtenstein	114		
Netherlands	11	Switzerland	54		
FRG	8	FRG	13		
Japan	6	NZ	.5		
NZ	4	Thailand	.5		
Taiwan	4	Netherlands	.3		
Singapore	3	Belgium	.1		
Others	8	Others	1		
Total	349	Total	1422.4	Total	

Countries by Parcels Owned Order					
Townsville City Council		Thuringowa City Council			
As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04		As at 13/08/04	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
UK	34	Liechtenstein	86		
USA	17	USA	13		
NZ	15	UK	11		
Netherlands	9	Switzerland	9		
FRG	7	Netherlands	3		
Switzerland	5	Thailand	2		
Singapore	4	NZ	2		
Japan	4	FRG	2		
Hong Kong	4	Fiji	1		
Others	25	Others	3		
Total	124	Total	132	Total	

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FRG	Federal Republic of Germany	UK	United Kingdom
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Annual Value of Acquisitions					
Gladstone City Council					
2003/04					
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
N/A	N/A				
Total		Total		Total	

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Countries by Area Order					
Gladstone City Council					
As at 13/08/04					
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
USA	41				
France	37				
Canada	37				
Austria	7				
UK	5				
NZ	.4				
Switzerland	.3				
South Africa	.2				
Ireland	.1				
Others	N/A				
Total		Total		Total	

Countries by Parcels Owned Order					
Gladstone City Council					
As at 13/08/04					
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
Austria	18				
USA	11				
NZ	6				
UK	5				
Canada	5				
France	5				
South Africa	3				
Switzerland	2				
Ireland	2				
Others	N/A				
Total		Total		Total	

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