

**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* (Qld) (the Act) and covers titles registry operations for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

The Act provides for the disclosure of foreign ownership of land in Queensland. 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. An interest in land is as defined in the Act and can include an interest in freehold land (including a lot within a community titles scheme), State leasehold land and some other specific types of interests.

Notifications given in compliance with the requirements of the Act 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 2012, foreign owned interests in land totalled approximately 4,806,100 hectares, representing less than three percent of the state's land area.

There are 134 countries of origin recorded in the register.

Information held in the register is accessible through Department of Natural Resources and Mines business centres. Revenue generated from searches conducted and reports provided during 2011-12 totalled \$3746.25.



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**Registrar of Titles**

## 1. Value of annual acquisitions

2009/10		2010/11		2011/12	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
Korea, Republic of	217,632,306	Malaysia	303,857,973	China	234,057,054
Singapore	213,651,718	Singapore	160,566,617	United Kingdom	101,114,176
China	150,251,016	China	148,619,876	Japan	83,594,379
United Kingdom	112,828,426	Japan	130,752,693	Singapore	74,882,344
Switzerland	97,103,492	United Kingdom	92,098,499	Korea, Republic of	73,619,199
Netherlands	59,784,696	FRG	62,722,453	India	71,094,950
Others	360,123,303	Others	339,678,745	Others	439,505,068
Total	1,211,374,957	Total	1,238,296,856	Total	1,077,867,170

Table 1 shows the six countries with the highest recorded value of annual acquisitions of land during each of the last three financial years.

## 2. Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June\*

2010		2011		2012	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
United Kingdom	2,031,659	United Kingdom	1,991,465	United Kingdom	2,039,220
USA	426,852	USA	424,519	USA	310,020
FRG	304,169	FRG	318,989	Switzerland	301,010
Netherlands	289,977	Netherlands	291,420	Netherlands	289,670
Switzerland	251,574	Switzerland	266,828	FRG	275,040
Hong Kong	233,713	Hong Kong	203,032	Japan	204,200
Others	906,525	Others	1,068,629	Other	1,386,940
Total	4,444,469	Total	4,564,882	Total	4,806,100

Table 2 shows the six countries with the highest recorded land ownership by area as at 30 June for each of the last three years.

\*Approximate areas only.

## 3. Total land parcels owned (by nationality) as at 30 June

2010		2011		2012	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
United Kingdom	5,795	United Kingdom	5,849	United Kingdom	5,968
New Zealand	2,599	New Zealand	2,550	New Zealand	2,747
Japan	2,370	Japan	2,352	Japan	2,353
USA	1,995	USA	2,096	USA	2,231
Singapore	1,187	Singapore	1,148	Singapore	1,458
FRG	1,085	FRG	1,105	FRG	1,268
Others	8,669	Others	9,528	Others	11,261
Total	23,700	Total	24,628	Total	27,286

Table 3 shows the six countries with the highest recorded ownership of land parcels as at 30 June for each of the last three years.

Code	Country
USA	United States of America
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany

**Foreign Ownership of Land Register  
(categories ranked by top 10 local government areas)**

**1. Value of annual acquisitions in 2011/12  
ranked by local government area (top 10)**

<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Value (A\$)</b>
Gold Coast	335,013,250
Brisbane	250,016,408
Isaac	125,225,247
Central Highlands	116,428,040
Sunshine Coast	28,853,352
Gladstone	24,840,370
Western Downs	23,273,148
Charters Towers	17,037,500
Logan	15,736,187
Hinchinbrook	15,508,848

**NOTE:** The following two tables depict the status of the Register as at 30 June 2012.  
\*Approximate areas only

**2. Total area foreign owned - ranked by local  
government area (top 10) as at 30/6/12\***

<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>
Bulloo	784,120
Diamantina	535,340
Barcoo	521,690
Tablelands	510,590
Isaac	334,010
Burke	300,850
Longreach	284,920
Central Highlands	196,410
Blackall Tambo	188,360
McKinlay	144,950

**3. Total land parcels owned - ranked by local  
government area (top 10) as 30/6/12**

<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Number</b>
Gold Coast	6475
Isaac	3575
Brisbane	3557
Cassowary Coast	1846
Central Highlands	1678
Sunshine Coast	1435
Cairns	1186
Moreton Bay	813
Bundaberg	626
Gladstone	567

**Foreign Ownership of Land Register – Additional Report  
(10 local government areas historically of media interest)**

Value of annual acquisitions during 2011/12			
Brisbane City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
China	66,836,908	China	131,077,548
PNG	40,561,350	Canada	38,109,642
New Zealand	25,669,121	Singapore	28,140,866
Singapore	17,563,729	Korea, Republic of	19,508,500
Korea, Republic Of	16,623,667	Japan	14,271,871
United Kingdom	11,644,499	Malaysia	12,581,584
Hong Kong	11,139,200	New Zealand	11,874,752
Spain	7,927,122	RF	11,655,375
Cayman Islands	7,927,122	United Kingdom	8,188,000
Others	44,123,690	Others	59,605,111
<b>Total</b>	<b>250,016,408</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>335,013,250</b>

Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2012			
Brisbane City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
United Kingdom	616	Japan	693
Mexico	210	Mexico	535
USA	164	FRG	448
Hong Kong	127	Malaysia	263
Singapore	74	New Caledonia	249
Japan	42	United Kingdom	229
Canada	42	Hong Kong	206
Netherlands	38	New Zealand	195
New Zealand	29	USA	187
Others	157	Others	577
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,582</b>

Total land parcels owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2012			
Brisbane City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
Country	Number	Country	Number
United Kingdom	455	New Zealand	1,095
China	409	Singapore	620
Singapore	336	Japan	596
New Zealand	310	China	495
Hong Kong	269	United Kingdom	429
USA	201	New Caledonia	411
Canada	154	Korea, Republic of	406
Malaysia	144	South Africa	356
Netherlands	140	Malaysia	285
Others	1,139	Others	1,782
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,557</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,475</b>

Code	Country	Code	Country
PNG	Papua New Guinea	USA	United States of America
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany	RF	Russian Federation
TWN	Taiwan, Province of China	UAE	United Arab Emirates

<b>Value of annual acquisitions during 2011/12</b>			
<b>Redland City Council</b>		<b>Logan City Council</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Value (A\$)</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Value (A\$)</b>
Singapore	680,000	Korea, Republic of	8,606,250
New Zealand	578,000	China	3,467,187
China	310,000	South Africa	1,002,000
Marshall Islands	185,000	TWN	500,000
France	73,000	United Kingdom	433,250
		PNG	330,000
		Ireland	307,000
		RF	285,000
		Indonesia	285,000
		Others	520,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,826,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,736,187</b>

<b>Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2012</b>			
<b>Redland City Council</b>		<b>Logan City Council</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>
FRG	32	Philippines	1,862
Singapore	16	Japan	217
United Kingdom	8	Bermuda	126
Canada	7	TWN	34
New Zealand	5	United Kingdom	28
USA	4	Malaysia	24
Hong Kong	4	USA	22
South Africa	2	China	22
Netherlands	1	New Zealand	17
Others	5	Others	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,424</b>

<b>Total land parcels owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2012</b>			
<b>Redland City Council</b>		<b>Logan City Council</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Number</b>
United Kingdom	79	New Zealand	73
New Zealand	47	Singapore	58
South Africa	19	China	53
FRG	18	United Kingdom	51
USA	16	Hong Kong	28
Singapore	16	USA	24
China	13	Malaysia	20
Hong Kong	12	Philippines	18
Netherlands	7	Japan	18
Others	66	Others	123
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>466</b>

<b>Code</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Country</b>
PNG	Papua New Guinea	USA	United States of America
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<b>Value of annual acquisitions during 2011/12</b>			
<b>Moreton Bay Regional Council</b>		<b>Sunshine Coast Regional Council</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Value (A\$)</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Value (A\$)</b>
Korea, Republic of	5,541,750	Korea, Republic of	11,083,500
South Africa	1,322,000	New Zealand	5,152,752
New Zealand	1,133,500	United Kingdom	3,554,000
United Kingdom	1,086,500	South Africa	1,730,500
China	970,600	Virgin Islands (British)	1,650,000
Brazil	546,500	Singapore	1,650,000
Sri Lanka	500,000	China	1,280,000
India	250,000	USA	1,089,000
Spain	163,000	Hong Kong	485,000
		Others	1,178,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,513,850</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>28,853,352</b>

<b>Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2012</b>			
<b>Moreton Bay Regional Council</b>		<b>Sunshine Coast Regional Council</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>
United Kingdom	579	United Kingdom	1,047
USA	502	USA	414
Singapore	430	Belgium	351
Denmark	423	New Zealand	351
Mexico	234	UAE	239
Italy	30	Denmark	191
TWN	25	Mexico	162
FRG	22	FRG	134
New Zealand	15	Canada	116
Others	69	Others	494
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,329</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,499</b>

<b>Total land parcels owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2012</b>			
<b>Moreton Bay Regional Council</b>		<b>Sunshine Coast Regional Council</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Number</b>
New Zealand	205	United Kingdom	368
Canada	161	New Zealand	318
United Kingdom	131	Japan	170
USA	58	USA	136
China	43	FRG	51
South Africa	31	South Africa	50
Singapore	26	Canada	38
FRG	16	Hong Kong	37
Denmark	15	Netherlands	27
Others	127	Others	240
<b>Total</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1435</b>

<b>Code</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Country</b>
PNG	Papua New Guinea	USA	United States of America
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany	RF	Russian Federation
TWN	Taiwan, Province of China	UAE	United Arab Emirates

<b>Value of annual acquisitions during 2011/12</b>			
<b>Ipswich City Council</b>		<b>Toowoomba Regional Council</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Value (A\$)</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Value (A\$)</b>
China	524,000	United States	2,070,750
Philippines	518,000	Singapore	1,100,000
Vietnam	212,000	Sri Lanka	755,000
Malaysia	208,000	Samoa	435,000
Hong Kong	175,000	Hong Kong	310,000
United Kingdom	127,500	China	185,000
South Africa	113,000	Japan	182,500
		New Zealand	178,000
		Malaysia	159,000
		Others	116,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,877,500</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,491,750</b>

<b>Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2012</b>			
<b>Ipswich City Council</b>		<b>Toowoomba Regional Council</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>
Japan	385	Japan	7,936
United Kingdom	265	FRG	7,168
USA	247	Malta	4,288
FRG	176	Malaysia	2,461
France	141	United Kingdom	2,399
Malaysia	119	USA	820
Mexico	95	India	102
Canada	14	Mexico	76
New Zealand	9	New Zealand	63
Others	26	Others	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,377</b>

<b>Total land parcels owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2012</b>			
<b>Ipswich City Council</b>		<b>Toowoomba Regional Council</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Number</b>
New Zealand	67	Malaysia	100
Malaysia	52	Malta	94
United Kingdom	38	United Kingdom	81
Japan	24	Japan	47
South Africa	24	USA	46
USA	23	FRG	44
FRG	19	Netherlands	21
Singapore	17	New Zealand	12
China	16	Mexico	10
Others	73	Others	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>525</b>

<b>Code</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Country</b>
PNG	Papua New Guinea	USA	United States of America
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<b>Value of annual acquisitions during 2011/12</b>			
<b>Townsville City Council</b>		<b>Cairns Regional Council</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Value (A\$)</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Value (A\$)</b>
South Africa	1,006,100	PNG	5,086,602
United Kingdom	460,000	Japan	1,295,000
Philippines	418,000	United Kingdom	1,261,000
India	378,000	Switzerland	890,000
New Zealand	300,000	Singapore	705,000
Canada	235,000	Malaysia	526,500
Hong Kong	170,000	New Zealand	451,001
		TWN	438,000
		United States	400,000
		Others	1,086,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,967,100</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,139,103</b>

<b>Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2012</b>			
<b>Townsville City Council</b>		<b>Cairns Regional Council</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>
USA	877	Hong Kong	1,117
United Kingdom	448	Belgium	428
Mexico	213	United Kingdom	353
Cyprus	54	Japan	277
New Zealand	26	China	91
Korea, Republic of	24	Philippines	88
Thailand	15	Netherlands	60
Netherlands	12	Thailand	48
FRG	9	New Zealand	37
Others	16	Others	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,614</b>

<b>Total land parcels owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2012</b>			
<b>Townsville City Council</b>		<b>Cairns Regional Council</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Number</b>
United Kingdom	55	United Kingdom	258
New Zealand	50	Japan	191
USA	20	PNG	122
South Africa	14	New Zealand	119
Netherlands	10	USA	83
Canada	10	Hong Kong	49
Mexico	8	Singapore	41
Singapore	7	South Africa	36
FRG	7	FRG	27
Others	70	Others	260
<b>Total</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,186</b>

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