

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 2005 to 30 June 2006.

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 2006, foreign owned interests in land totalled 1,233,656 hectares, and represented 0.7% of the State's land area.

There are 126 countries of origin recorded in the register.

Information held in the register is accessible through Department of Natural Resources and Mines service centres. Revenue generated from searches conducted and reports provided during the year totalled \$10,618.40



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**Registrar of Titles and
Registrar of Water Allocations**

1. Annual value of acquisitions

2003/04		2004/05		2005/06	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
United Kingdom	152,629,022	United Kingdom	166,824,077	United Kingdom	224,818,024
Japan	74,293,615	Japan	119,190,491	USA	176,092,611
NZ	56,922,887	NZ	113,192,768	NZ	121,927,752
Netherlands	41,419,772	USA	41,148,554	Japan	60,899,131
USA	38,072,046	Singapore	22,825,545	Singapore	47,436,590
Singapore	30,799,698	China	20,555,449	China	25,987,375
Others	202,909,746	Others	187,092,533	Others	276,161,357
Total	597,046,786	Total	670,829,417	Total	933,322,841

Table 1 shows the six countries with the highest recorded annual value of acquisitions for each of the three years to 30 June 2006.

2. Land areas owned by nationality.*

2003/04		2004/05		2005/06	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
United Kingdom	433,579	United Kingdom	390,721	United Kingdom	516,828
Japan	200,931	Japan	130,514	Japan	201,976
USA	154,844	FRG	111,632	FRG	111,946
FRG	112,445	Canada	96,505	Canada	96,585
Canada	96,733	USA	72,152	USA	73,548
Hong Kong	35,817	Switzerland	42,118	Switzerland	41,466
Others	209,575	Others	203,102	Others	191,307
Total	1,243,924	Total	1,046,744	Total	1,233,656

Table 2 shows the six foreign nationalities with the highest recorded land ownership by area for each of the three years to 30 June 2006.

*Approximate areas only.

3. Land parcels owned by nationality.

2003/04		2004/05		2005/06	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
United Kingdom	4,163	United Kingdom	4,223	United Kingdom	5288
Japan	2,798	Japan	2,644	Japan	2632
NZ	2,462	NZ	2,502	NZ	2602
USA	2,101	USA	2,060	USA	2058
Singapore	1,767	Singapore	1,553	Singapore	1387
FRG	1,124	FRG	1,070	FRG	1055
Others	7,674	Others	7178	Others	6865
Total	22,089	Total	21230	Total	21887

Table 3 shows the six foreign nationalities with the highest recorded ownership of land parcels for each of the three years to 30 June 2006.

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

Annual Value of Acquisitions					
Brisbane City Council		Cairns City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
2005/06		2005/06		2005/06	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
USA	\$141,212,666	UK	\$6,353,140	NZ	\$51,361,027
UK	\$94,002,719	Japan	\$3,712,400	Japan	\$36,690,666
China	\$10,689,400	NZ	\$3,319,236	UK	\$35,863,000
Singapore	\$9,528,999	USA	\$2,536,000	Singapore	\$23,287,700
NZ	\$9,508,680	South Africa	\$1,405,000	New Caledonia	\$20,967,500
Malaysia	\$7,559,800	Switzerland	\$1,090,925	RF	\$17,723,000
Hong Kong	\$6,043,000	PNG	\$967,800	USA	\$17,589,329
South Africa	\$5,918,500	Canada	\$765,000	UAE	\$13,490,000
Korea, Republic of	\$5,725,500	Thailand	\$660,000	South Africa	\$11,850,000
Others	\$31,054,471	Others	\$4,072,800	Others	\$83,820,810
Total	\$321,243,735	Total	\$24,882,301	Total	\$312,643,032

NOTE: Following two tables depicts the status of the Foreign Ownership of Land Register as at 7/7/06.

Countries by Area Order					
Brisbane City Council		Cairns City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
*2005/06		*2005/06		*2005/06	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
UK	655	Japan	424	Japan	1366
USA	354	Belgium	285	USA	1235
Hong Kong	202	UK	237	NZ	824
Singapore	200	Hong Kong	151	South Africa	299
Indonesia	144	USA	128	Malaysia	251
Netherlands	50	Italy	91	New Caledonia	247
Japan	42	Ireland	90	Singapore	222
NZ	27	China	90	Philippines	220
FRG	19	Malaysia	81	Netherlands	175
Others	100	Others	154	Others	767
Total	1793	Total	1731	Total	5606

Countries by Parcels Owned Order					
Brisbane City Council		Cairns City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
*2005/06		*2005/06		*2005/06	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
UK	436	Japan	239	NZ	1309
Singapore	352	UK	142	Japan	861
Hong Kong	351	NZ	58	Singapore	736
USA	254	Hong Kong	51	UK	456
NZ	235	USA	50	New Caledonia	275
Malaysia	115	PNG	48	USA	216
China	113	FRG	22	Malaysia	191
Japan	91	Belgium	21	Hong Kong	179
Taiwan, Province of China	83	Italy	19	South Africa	175
Others	702	Others	138	Others	1358
Total	2732	Total	788	Total	5756

* includes data from 1/7/05 to 30/6/06

Code	Country	Code	Country
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany	UK	United Kingdom
NZ	New Zealand	USA	United States of America
PNG	Papua New Guinea	UAE	United Arab Emirates
RF	Russian Federation		

Annual Value of Acquisitions					
Caboolture Shire		Caloundra City		Ipswich City	
2005/06		2005/06		2005/06	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
FRG	\$1,647,365	UK	\$7,482,500	NZ	\$5,597,944
UK	\$1,524,500	NZ	\$2,150,000	Singapore	\$3,407,450
Hong Kong	\$1,050,000	Canada	\$616,087	UK	\$705,000
Singapore	\$1,050,000	New Caledonia	\$580,000	USA	\$329,000
NZ	\$333,900	Denmark	\$480,000	Spain	\$310,000
Canada	\$289,000	Switzerland	\$180,000	Saudi Arabia	\$292,640
PNG	\$285,000			China	\$255,800
South Africa	\$127,500			Korea, Republic of	\$145,000
				Japan	\$130,900
				Others	\$115,001
Total	\$6,307,265	Total	\$11,488,587	Total	\$11,288,735

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Countries by Area Order					
Caboolture Shire		Caloundra City		Ipswich City	
*2005/06		*2005/06		*2005/06	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
Singapore	429	Switzerland	114	Japan	739
UK	33	NZ	70	UK	581
Taiwan, Province of China	25	UK	65	USA	219
Switzerland	19	FRG	63	France	141
Belgium	12	Indonesia	50	FRG	129
Italy	10	USA	27	Malaysia	118
USA	9	New Caledonia	20	Canada	13
Canada	6	Singapore	12	NZ	6
NZ	6	Hong Kong	7	Netherlands	4
Others	20	Others	5	Others	18
Total	569	Total	433	Total	1968

Countries by Parcels Owned Order					
Caboolture Shire		Caloundra City		Ipswich City	
*2005/06		*2005/06		*2005/06	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
NZ	55	UK	63	NZ	58
UK	47	NZ	44	Japan	36
Singapore	19	USA	33	UK	35
USA	19	Hong Kong	13	USA	31
FRG	11	PNG	12	Singapore	26
Hong Kong	6	Canada	9	Netherlands	14
Taiwan, Province of China	6	Indonesia	9	FRG	12
Canada	4	Singapore	7	China	9
Italy	4	South Africa	7	Hong Kong	8
Others	40	Others	41	Others	50
Total	211	Total	238	Total	279

*includes data from 1/7/05 to 30/6/06

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

Annual Value of Acquisitions					
Thuringowa City		Townsville City		Logan City	
2005/06		2005/06		2005/06	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
NZ	\$1,087,000	USA	\$1,268,600	NZ	\$2,254,500
UK	\$381,625	UK	\$1,242,500	UK	\$554,000
Ireland	\$358,000	Netherlands	\$850,000	Malaysia	\$503,000
Netherlands	\$265,000	New Zealand	\$462,900	China	\$324,600
India	\$132,500	Singapore	\$420,178	Indonesia	\$315,000
Fiji	\$132,500	Norway	\$291,000	FRG	\$315,000
Cuba	\$109,000	Japan	\$205,000	Korea, Republic of	\$290,000
		Canada	\$196,901	Venezuela	\$282,000
		Ireland	\$160,500	Netherlands	\$265,000
		Others	\$120,703	Other	\$460,000
Total	\$2,465,625	Total	\$5,218,282	Total	\$5,563,100

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Countries by Area Order					
Thuringowa City		Townsville City		Logan City	
*2005/06		*2005/06		*2005/06	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
USA	668	USA	263	PNG	117
UK	423	Korea, Republic of	24	USA	20
Liechtenstein	84	Netherlands	18	Taiwan, Province of China	8
Switzerland	54	UK	15	NZ	7
NZ	1.7	FRG	8	Singapore	6
Netherlands	.4	Japan	7	Japan	5
Thailand	.3	NZ	5	FRG	5
Cuba	.3	Canada	3	UK	3
Belgium	.1	France	1	Netherlands	2
Others	.2	Others	4	Others	13
Total	1232	Total	348	Total	186

Countries by Parcels Owned Order					
Thuringowa City		Townsville City		Logan City	
*2005/06		*2005/06		*2005/06	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
Liechtenstein	63	UK	41	Singapore	57
NZ	19	NZ	20	NZ	48
UK	14	Netherlands	13	Hong Kong	38
USA	11	USA	13	UK	28
Switzerland	9	FRG	7	USA	22
Netherland	4	Singapore	6	China	21
Fiji	2	South Africa	5	Malaysia	17
Belgium	1	Canada	4	Indonesia	15
Cuba	1	Japan	4	Netherlands	11
Others	4	Others	27	Others	58
Total	128	Total	140	Total	315

* includes data from 1/7/05 to 30/6/06

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

Annual Value of Acquisitions					
Toowoomba City		Maroochy Shire		Noosa Shire	
2005/06		2005/06		2005/06	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
UK	\$1,275,000	UK	\$10,989,000	UK	\$18,670,500
New Caledonia	\$559,000	NZ	\$6,453,978	NZ	\$11,523,920
Senegal	\$259,000	USA	\$2,162,000	Austria	\$3,500,000
China	\$255,000	FRG	\$1,587,500	China	\$1,950,000
Indonesia	\$105,000	UAE	\$965,000	Canada	\$1,475,000
		Ireland	\$877,500	USA	\$1,424,500
		Switzerland	\$670,000	Singapore	\$900,000
		China	\$637,500	El Salvador	\$700,000
		Japan	\$382,500	FRG	\$439,500
		Others	\$365,000	Others	\$415,000
Total	\$2,453,000	Total	\$25,089,978	Total	\$40,998,420

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Countries by Area Order					
Toowoomba City		Maroochy Shire		Noosa Shire	
*2005/06		*2005/06		*2005/06	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
USA	47	UK	910	UK	279
Japan	8.3	Belgium	421	USA	162
UK	5.4	NZ	332	Canada	113
Brazil	1.8	UAE	239	Virgin Islands (Britain)	61
Panama	1.4	USA	193	Malaysia	58
FRG	1.4	South Africa	127	FRG	46
Netherlands	1.2	Japan	89	NZ	14
Canada	.5	Switzerland	41	Netherlands	12
Ireland	.4	FRG	33	Japan	10
Others	1.9	Others	115	Others	21
Total	69.3	Total	2500	Total	776

Countries by Parcels Owned Order					
Toowoomba City		Maroochy Shire		Noosa Shire	
*2005/06		*2005/06		*2005/06	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
UK	47	UK	232	NZ	139
Netherlands	20	NZ	151	UK	136
USA	15	Japan	125	USA	42
Ireland	10	Belgium	69	FRG	27
FRG	5	USA	67	Hong Kong	19
Singapore	5	FRG	21	Japan	18
Canada	4	Malaysia	21	Canada	10
Japan	4	Hong Kong	17	Singapore	9
NZ	4	Canada	16	Switzerland	9
Others	24	Others	111	Other	48
Total	138	Total	830	Total	457

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Code	Country	Code	Country
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany	UK	United Kingdom
NZ	New Zealand	USA	United States of America
		UAE	United Arab Emirates