

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014
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* (the Act) and covers titles registry operations for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

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 a relevant 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 other specific types of interests. The Act does not require the separate identification of different land uses.

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.

Titles registry statistics compiled from notifications of acquisition and disposal reveal that, as at 30 June 2014, foreign owned interests in land in Queensland (all land uses) totalled approximately 5,600,000 hectares, representing just over three per cent of the state's land area (3.22%). This compares to 2.92% in 2012-2013 and 2.76% in 2011-2012.

There were 131 countries of origin recorded in the register as at 30 June 2014.

Breakdowns of Foreign Ownership of Land Register data by local government area can be found on the Queensland Governments' Open Data portal.



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1. Value of annual acquisitions

2011/12		2012/13		2013/14	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
China	234,057,054	China	323,098,008	China	463,056,414
United Kingdom	101,114,176	Singapore	317,090,525	USA	361,277,469
Japan	83,594,379	USA	269,320,598	United Kingdom	178,912,895
Singapore	74,882,344	Malaysia	205,197,353	Singapore	157,976,713
Korea, Republic of	73,619,199	Japan	164,042,059	Malaysia	67,739,317
India	71,094,950	UAE	122,454,000	New Zealand	58,890,111
Others	439,505,068	Others	498,322,025	Others	400,032,572
Total	1,077,867,170	Total	1,899,524,568	Total	1,687,885,491

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*

2012		2013		2014	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
United Kingdom	2,039,220	United Kingdom	2,055,600	United Kingdom	2,120,060
USA	310,020	USA	405,950	USA	513,940
Switzerland	301,010	Switzerland	366,320	Switzerland	420,720
Netherlands	289,670	Netherlands	292,730	Netherlands	292,890
FRG	275,040	FRG	274,800	Denmark	285,020
Japan	204,200	Japan	214,760	FRG	275,090
Other	1,386,940	Other	1,474,040	Other	1,692,260
Total	4,806,100	Total	5,084,200	Total	5,599,980

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

2012		2013		2014	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
United Kingdom	5,968	United Kingdom	5,849	United Kingdom	6,096
New Zealand	2,747	New Zealand	2,654	New Zealand	2,654
Japan	2,353	Japan	2,344	Japan	2,382
USA	2,231	USA	2,205	USA	2,369
Singapore	1,458	China	1,649	China	2,326
FRG	1,268	Singapore	1,648	Singapore	1,716
Others	11,261	Others	11,448	Others	12,243
Total	27,286	Total	27,797	Total	29,786

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
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany
USA	United States of America
UAE	United Arab Emirates

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

**1. Value of annual acquisitions in 2013/14
ranked by local government area (top 10)**

Local Government	Value (A\$)
Brisbane City	687,029,103
Gold Coast	355,874,825
Ipswich	92,454,244
Logan	67,224,107
Western Downs	66,036,675
Central Highlands	52,986,410
Moreton Bay	38,089,749
Noosa	37,337,390
Cairns	37,231,993
Mackay	35,934,750

*Approximate areas only

**2. Total area foreign owned - ranked by local
government area (top 10) as at 30/6/14 ***

Local Government	Area (ha)
Bulloo	806,520
Diamantina	535,340
Barcoo	521,690
Mareeba	517,610
Isaac	374,780
Burke	300,040
Paroo	288,800
Longreach	284,920
Central Highlands	253,810
Blackall-Tambo	214,870

**3. Total land parcels owned - ranked by local
government area (top 10) as at 30/6/14**

Local Government	Number
Gold Coast	6,751
Brisbane City	4,627
Isaac	3,652
Cassowary Coast	1,824
Central Highlands	1,710
Moreton Bay	1,003
Cairns	994
Sunshine Coast	943
Gladstone	735
Bundaberg	637

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Value of annual acquisitions during 2013/14			
Brisbane City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
USA	244,124,400	China	196,312,032
China	185,358,830	New Zealand	25,791,097
Singapore	97,077,375	Singapore	25,265,255
Malaysia	32,781,284	United Kingdom	17,631,931
Virgin Islands, British	24,500,000	Japan	16,169,261
United Kingdom	17,567,950	Malaysia	13,805,933
New Zealand	10,279,785	Indonesia	11,399,500
India	8,451,444	FRG	6,930,000
Hong Kong	7,385,393	Hong Kong	5,222,030
Others	59,502,642	Others	37,347,786
Total	687,029,103	Total	355,874,825

*Approximate areas only

Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2014*			
Brisbane City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
United Kingdom	618	Japan	706
Mexico	209	Mexico	535
USA	165	FRG	450
Singapore	76	Malaysia	297
Japan	46	New Caledonia	249
Canada	46	United Kingdom	218
China	45	New Zealand	210
Malaysia	44	Hong Kong	207
Netherlands	36	USA	195
Others	178	Others	568
Total	1,463	Total	3,633

Total land parcels owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2014			
Brisbane City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
Country	Number	Country	Number
China	879	New Zealand	1044
United Kingdom	471	China	857
Singapore	377	Singapore	642
New Zealand	342	Japan	608
Hong Kong	297	United Kingdom	399
USA	234	New Caledonia	385
Malaysia	225	South Africa	356
TWN	135	Korea, Republic of	304
Spain	133	Malaysia	302
Others	1,534	Others	1,854
Total	4,627	Total	6,751

Code	Country	Code	Country
USA	United States of America	FRG	Federal Republic of Germany
TWN	Taiwan, Province of China		

Value of annual acquisitions during 2013/14			
Redland City Council		Logan City Council	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
China	2,809,000	United Kingdom	52,850,607
New Zealand	1,884,960	China	8,374,275
United Kingdom	1,734,000	TWN	1,795,000
South Africa	755,000	Japan	1,428,000
New Caledonia	52,500	Malaysia	709,750
Malaysia	44,000	Canada	412,000
Canada	16,000	Korea, Republic of	309,000
		New Zealand	283,500
		India	243,000
		PNG	235,000
		Others	583,975
Total	7,295,460	Total	67,224,107

*Approximate areas only

Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2014*			
Redland City Council		Logan City Council	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
FRG	31	Philippines	1,572
Singapore	15	Japan	166
United Kingdom	8	Bermuda	66
New Zealand	5	Taiwan	38
Canada	4	Malaysia	30
South Africa	2	United Kingdom	29
China	1	China	25
USA	1	USA	21
Hong Kong	1	New Zealand	16
Others	6	Others	66
Total	74	Total	2,029

Total land parcels owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2014			
Redland City Council		Logan City Council	
Country	Number	Country	Number
United Kingdom	81	China	94
New Zealand	57	Singapore	69
South Africa	20	New Zealand	65
FRG	18	United Kingdom	57
China	15	South Africa	35
Singapore	14	Hong Kong	31
USA	13	Japan	25
Hong Kong	11	Malaysia	25
Canada	8	USA	22
Others	72	Others	144
Total	309	Total	567

Code	Country	Code	Country
PNG	Papua New Guinea	FRG	Federal Republic of Germany
TWN	Taiwan, Province of China	USA	United States of America

Value of annual acquisitions during 2013/14			
Moreton Bay Regional Council		Sunshine Coast Regional Council	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
Singapore	12,524,710	New Zealand	4,998,500
China	10,707,511	United Kingdom	3,932,500
United States	7,358,870	China	1,827,500
United Kingdom	2,293,576	Canada	968,750
New Zealand	1,779,500	FRG	887,000
Japan	868,501	South Africa	701,900
Malaysia	809,414	Fiji	570,000
Trinidad and Tobago	420,000	Switzerland	395,000
Ireland	411,750	Japan	336,600
Other	915,917	Others	1,018,500
Total	38,089,749	Total	15,636,250

*Approximate areas only

Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2014*			
Moreton Bay Regional Council		Sunshine Coast Regional Council	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
United Kingdom	570	United Kingdom	862
USA	501	Belgium	349
Singapore	431	New Zealand	335
Denmark	422	USA	269
Mexico	233	UAE	238
Italy	29	Denmark	191
TWN	24	Mexico	149
FRG	21	FRG	99
New Zealand	15	South Africa	70
Others	75	Others	237
Total	2,326	Total	2,799

Total land parcels owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2014			
Moreton Bay Regional Council		Sunshine Coast Regional Council	
Country	Number	Country	Number
New Zealand	191	United Kingdom	220
United Kingdom	153	Japan	169
Canada	139	New Zealand	156
China	109	USA	86
USA	64	South Africa	41
Singapore	61	Canada	31
South Africa	35	FRG	24
Japan	20	Netherlands	17
Denmark	17	Belgium	15
Others	214	Others	184
Total	1,003	Total	943

Code	Country	Code	Country
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany	USA	United States of America
TWN	Taiwan, Province of China	UAE	United Arab Emirates

Value of annual acquisitions during 2013/14			
Ipswich City Council		Toowoomba Regional Council	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
China	22,441,056	Netherlands	4,070,000
Canada	19,776,356	FRG	1,875,000
Netherlands	19,637,856	China	1,385,000
Switzerland	17,358,000	Sri Lanka	988,000
Japan	5,000,000	Malaysia	671,000
USA	3,650,001	United Kingdom	469,500
South Africa	1,170,000	Philippines	387,000
Russian Federation	900,000	Korea, Republic of	342,500
PNG	605,000	Canada	335,000
Others	1,915,975	Others	839,780
Total	92,454,244	Total	11,362,780

*Approximate areas only

Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2014*			
Ipswich City Council		Toowoomba Regional Council	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
USA	258	Japan	7,929
France	140	FRG	7,534
Malaysia	119	USA	4,242
FRG	53	Malta	4,091
Mexico	42	United Kingdom	2,998
Canada	37	Malaysia	2,358
Japan	34	China	370
China	27	India	101
Netherlands	26	Mexico	72
Others	54	Others	128
Total	790	Total	29,823

Total land parcels owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2014			
Ipswich City Council		Toowoomba Regional Council	
Country	Number	Country	Number
New Zealand	75	Malaysia	101
China	66	Malta	93
Malaysia	53	United Kingdom	84
United Kingdom	34	USA	65
South Africa	28	Japan	49
USA	26	FRG	49
Canada	17	Netherlands	23
Singapore	16	China	12
Netherlands	14	New Zealand	11
Others	90	Others	86
Total	419	Total	573

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

Value of annual acquisitions during 2013/14			
Townsville City Council		Cairns Regional Council	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
Pakistan	650,000	Singapore	11,510,000
China	460,000	PNG	10,294,170
India	430,000	China	4,577,000
FRG	417,100	United Kingdom	3,608,000
Netherlands	405,000	USA	1,607,500
USA	405,000	Hong Kong	1,350,000
United Kingdom	257,500	Japan	1,025,000
Korea, Republic of	219,000	New Zealand	1,004,990
Singapore	196,500	Korea, Republic of	541,000
Others	786,101	Others	1,714,333
Total	4,226,201	Total	37,231,993

*Approximate areas only

Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2014*			
Townsville City Council		Cairns Regional Council	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
USA	877	Hong Kong	1,118
United Kingdom	446	Thailand	166
Mexico	213	Japan	161
Cyprus	52	China	109
New Zealand	26	United Kingdom	101
Korea, Republic of	23	Philippines	48
Thailand	15	Switzerland	35
Netherlands	11	USA	20
Canada	3	Singapore	11
Others	10	Others	41
Total	1,676	Total	1,810

Total land parcels owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2014			
Townsville City Council		Cairns Regional Council	
Country	Number	Country	Number
United Kingdom	50	PNG	181
New Zealand	47	United Kingdom	175
USA	19	Japan	124
Cyprus	15	New Zealand	69
Canada	15	USA	53
South Africa	14	Singapore	53
Netherlands	11	Hong Kong	41
Ireland	9	South Africa	32
Singapore	9	China	29
Others	82	Others	237
Total	271	Total	994

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