

**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 registry operations for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.

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 2008, foreign owned interests in land totalled 1,353,681 hectares, and represented 0.78% of the state's land area.

There are 136 countries of origin recorded in the register.

Information held in the register is accessible through Department of Natural Resources and Water service centres. Revenue generated from searches conducted and reports provided during the year totalled \$11,723.25.

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### 1. Value of annual acquisitions

2005/06		2006/07		2007/08	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
United Kingdom	224,818,024	United Kingdom	252,149,486	United Kingdom	466,353,667
USA	176,092,611	New Zealand	141,961,977	New Zealand	156,225,807
New Zealand	121,927,752	Japan	86,169,731	USA	150,216,133
Japan	60,899,131	Netherlands	75,499,000	Korea Republic of	124,039,885
Singapore	47,436,590	USA	54,844,730	Canada	96,414,638
China	25,987,375	Malaysia	51,782,500	Cayman Islands	88,000,000
Others	276,161,357	Others	402,139,195	Others	676,059,034
Total	933,322,841	Total	1,064,546,619	Total	1,757,309,164

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\*

2006		2007		2008	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
United Kingdom	516,828	United Kingdom	491,157	United Kingdom	492,738
Japan	201,976	USA	209,878	USA	212,350
FRG	111,946	Japan	142,761	Japan	138,594
Canada	96,585	FRG	111,630	FRG	111,724
USA	73,548	Netherlands	100,548	Netherlands	100,844
Switzerland	41,466	Switzerland	46,733	Switzerland	49,206
Others	191,307	Others	193,393	Others	248,225
Total	1,233,656	Total	1,296,100	Total	1,353,681

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

2006		2007		2008	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
United Kingdom	5,288	United Kingdom	5,470	United Kingdom	5,731
Japan	2,632	New Zealand	2,702	New Zealand	2,820
New Zealand	2,602	Japan	2,507	Japan	2,490
USA	2,058	USA	2,034	USA	2,041
Singapore	1,387	Singapore	1,183	Singapore	1,183
FRG	1,055	FRG	1,072	FRG	1,094
Others	6,865	Others	7,078	Others	7,720
Total	21,887	Total	22,046	Total	23,079

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

Annual Value of Acquisitions					
Brisbane City Council		Cairns Regional Council		Gold Coast City Council	
2007/08		2007/08		2007/08	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
United Kingdom	\$307,322,356	United Kingdom	\$15,206,775	Korea, Republic of	\$105,433,109
Canada	\$76,458,089	Japan	\$7,715,100	New Zealand	\$56,034,502
Singapore	\$44,238,351	New Zealand	\$6,979,000	RF	\$46,004,797
Mauritius	\$37,500,000	USA	\$4,616,255	United Kingdom	\$40,436,435
China	\$31,646,667	Hong Kong	\$4,563,400	China	\$31,489,950
New Zealand	\$17,114,400	Singapore	\$2,744,887	Singapore	\$28,931,728
Korea, Republic of	\$15,380,400	Ireland	\$2,284,500	South Africa	\$26,242,900
South Africa	\$10,292,336	Canada	\$2,187,950	New Caledonia	\$25,342,216
Taiwan	\$9,945,666	PNG	\$1,360,925	Japan	\$20,934,316
Others	\$77,823,140	Others	\$8,365,525	Others	\$93,995,675
Total	\$627,721,405	Total	\$56,024,317	Total	\$474,845,628

NOTE: Following two tables depicts the status of the Foreign Ownership of Land Register as at 1/7/08.

Countries by Area Order					
Brisbane City		Cairns City		Gold Coast City	
*2007/08		*2007/08		*2007/08	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
United Kingdom	633	Belgium	493	USA	1,074
USA	344	United Kingdom	406	Japan	981
Mexico	222	Japan	290	New Zealand	833
Singapore	210	Hong Kong	152	Mexico	535
Hong Kong	127	Italy	91	New Caledonia	400
Korea, Republic of	125	Ireland	91	Malaysia	394
Netherlands	48	China	90	South Africa	306
Japan	41	Philippines	89	United Kingdom	232
New Zealand	26	Malaysia	81	Hong Kong	208
Others	141	Others	251	Others	594
Total	1,917	Total	2,034	Total	5,557

Countries by Parcels Owned Order					
Brisbane City		Cairns City		Gold Coast City	
*2007/08		*2007/08		*2007/08	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
United Kingdom	489	Japan	248	New Zealand	1,297
Hong Kong	305	United Kingdom	242	Japan	684
New Zealand	293	New Zealand	113	Singapore	649
Singapore	278	USA	91	United Kingdom	510
China	170	PNG	59	New Caledonia	343
Malaysia	131	Hong Kong	44	South Africa	234
Japan	90	Singapore	35	USA	216
South Africa	86	Belgium	24	Malaysia	196
Indonesia	82	Ireland	23	China	182
Others	1,048	Others	214	Others	1,629
Total	2,972	Total	1,093	Total	5,940

\* includes data from 1/7/07 to 30/6/08

Code	Country	Code	Country
USA	United States of America	RF	Russian Federation
PNG	Papua New Guinea		

Annual Value of Acquisitions					
Redland City Council		Townsville City Council		Logan City Council	
2007/08		2007/08		2007/08	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
United Kingdom	\$4,646,000	Cyprus	\$24,200,000	New Zealand	\$9,599,556
FRG	\$1,725,000	United Kingdom	\$4,141,743	China	\$3,485,000
New Zealand	\$1,296,000	Netherlands	\$2,442,900	United Kingdom	\$3,380,000
Ireland	\$847,500	India	\$1,940,000	FRG	\$2,847,042
Switzerland	\$812,500	Singapore	\$1,932,900	Singapore	\$1,165,300
Iceland	\$699,000	UAE	\$1,732,900	Korea, Republic of	\$1,011,000
Taiwan	\$590,000	Ireland	\$952,500	Japan	\$771,000
China	\$583,500	New Zealand	\$852,900	Philippines	\$584,500
Sri Lanka	\$555,000	Sri Lanka	\$832,500	USA	\$545,000
Others	\$2,559,401	Others	\$3,891,700	Others	\$2,637,500
Total	\$14,313,901	Total	\$42,920,043	Total	\$26,025,898

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Countries by Area Order					
Redland City Council		Townsville City Council		Logan City Council	
*2007/08		*2007/08		*2007/08	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
FRG	34	USA	878	Philippines	1,862
Canada	23	United Kingdom	439	Japan	221
Singapore	16	Switzerland	54	Bermuda	126
United Kingdom	8	Cyprus	54	PNG	117
New Zealand	6	Korea, Republic of	24	Taiwan	36
USA	6	Netherlands	13	United Kingdom	35
Hong Kong	4	FRG	9	USA	24
South Africa	2	New Zealand	6	Switzerland	18
Iceland	1	Japan	5	New Zealand	14
Others	6	Others	232	Others	87
Total	106	Total	1,714	Total	2,540

Countries by Parcels Owned Order					
Redland City Council		Townsville City Council		Logan City Council	
*2007/08		*2007/08		*2007/08	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
United Kingdom	85	United Kingdom	61	New Zealand	75
New Zealand	59	New Zealand	43	Singapore	64
FRG	22	Netherlands	24	United Kingdom	54
USA	21	USA	22	Hong Kong	35
Singapore	15	Mexico	11	USA	30
Hong Kong	13	Switzerland	9	China	23
South Africa	13	FRG	9	Malaysia	20
China	11	Singapore	8	Philippines	19
Malaysia	8	South Africa	7	Japan	18
Others	74	Others	61	Others	107
Total	321	Total	255	Total	445

\* includes data from 1/7/07 to 30/6/08

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

Annual Value of Acquisitions					
Toowoomba Regional Council		Sunshine Coast Regional Council		Ipswich City Council	
2007/08		2007/08		2007/08	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
United Kingdom	\$3,346,850	New Zealand	\$38,260,860	USA	\$3,922,365
Zimbabwe	\$1,158,000	United Kingdom	\$31,251,503	United Kingdom	\$3,827,606
India	\$509,950	South Africa	\$9,356,000	New Zealand	\$1,621,600
South Africa	\$395,000	USA	\$7,265,000	China	\$895,000
Indonesia	\$330,000	FRG	\$5,287,500	India	\$162,500
Nigeria	\$280,000	Canada	\$1,422,999	Spain	\$160,000
Singapore	\$134,000	Ireland	\$1,182,000	Malaysia	\$159,500
USA	\$110,000	Hong Kong	\$920,000	Philippines	\$149,500
Thailand	\$106,000	Singapore	\$800,750	South Africa	\$140,000
		Others	\$5,133,750	Netherlands	\$135,000
Total	\$6,369,800	Total	\$100,880,362	Total	\$11,173,071

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Countries by Area Order					
Toowoomba Regional Council		Sunshine Coast Regional Council		Ipswich City Council	
*2007/08		*2007/08		*2007/08	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
Japan	7,936	United Kingdom	1,054	United Kingdom	404
FRG	7,524	USA	367	Japan	397
Malta	4,288	New Zealand	353	USA	239
United Kingdom	2,871	Belgium	351	France	141
Malaysia	2,461	UAE	239	Malaysia	119
USA	811	Mexico	170	FRG	114
Mexico	76	FRG	150	Mexico	95
New Zealand	30	Canada	115	Canada	13
Gibraltar	6	Japan	98	New Zealand	10
Others	21	Others	486	Others	26
Total	26,024	Total	3,383	Total	1,558

Countries by Parcels Owned Order					
Toowoomba Regional Council		Sunshine Coast Regional Council		Ipswich City Council	
*2007/08		*2007/08		*2007/08	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
Malaysia	98	United Kingdom	448	New Zealand	64
United Kingdom	96	New Zealand	356	United Kingdom	47
Malta	94	Japan	183	USA	25
FRG	47	USA	139	Japan	24
Japan	47	FRG	55	Singapore	19
USA	46	Hong Kong	41	Netherlands	15
Netherlands	21	Canada	36	FRG	12
Ireland	11	South Africa	31	China	9
Mexico	10	Netherlands	25	Mexico	8
Others	64	Others	237	Others	70
Total	534	Total	1,551	Total	293

\* includes data from 1/7/07 to 30/6/08

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

<b>Annual Value of Acquisitions</b>	
<b>Moreton Bay Regional Council</b>	
<b>2007/08</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Value (A\$)</b>
USA	\$43,797,600
New Zealand	\$15,995,087
FRG	\$13,909,268
United Kingdom	\$9,836,335
Canada	\$8,375,000
South Africa	\$2,204,400
China	\$2,041,250
India	\$905,000
Netherlands	\$820,000
Others	\$2,761,850
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,645,790</b>

NOTE: Following two tables depicts the status of the Foreign Ownership of Land Register as at 1/07/08

<b>Countries by Area Order</b>	
<b>Moreton Bay Regional Council</b>	
<b>*2007/08</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>
Singapore	431
Mexico	277
United Kingdom	98
USA	92
Taiwan	25
New Zealand	18
Belgium	13
Netherlands	10
Italy	9
Others	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,017</b>

<b>Countries by Parcels Owned Order</b>	
<b>Moreton Bay Regional Council</b>	
<b>*2007/08</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Number</b>
New Zealand	247
United Kingdom	138
USA	78
Singapore	33
FRG	26
Netherlands	15
China	14
South Africa	13
Philippines	10
Others	113
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>

\* includes data from 1/7/07 to 30/6/08

<b>Code</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Country</b>
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany	USA	United States of America