

ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015
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 2014 to 30 June 2015.

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 2015, foreign owned interests in land in Queensland (all land uses) totalled 5,881,300 hectares, representing just over three per cent of the state's land area (3.4%). This compares to 3.2% in 2013-2014 and 2.9% in 2012-2013.

There were 133 countries of origin recorded in the register as at 30 June 2015.


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Registrar of Titles



1. Value of annual acquisitions

2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
China	323,098,008	China	463,056,414	China	872,519,760
Singapore	317,090,525	USA	361,277,469	Singapore	421,554,777
USA	269,320,598	United Kingdom	178,912,895	USA	119,697,996
Malaysia	205,197,353	Singapore	157,976,713	Hong Kong	111,991,864
Japan	164,042,059	Malaysia	67,739,317	United Kingdom	110,506,246
UAE	122,454,000	New Zealand	58,890,111	Malaysia	68,367,946
Others	498,322,025	Others	400,032,572	Others	433,816,912
Total	1,899,524,568	Total	1,687,885,491	Total	2,138,455,501

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*

2013		2014		2015	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
United Kingdom	2,055,600	United Kingdom	2,120,060	United Kingdom	2,229,850
USA	405,950	USA	513,940	USA	548,070
Switzerland	366,320	Switzerland	420,720	Switzerland	427,900
Netherlands	292,730	Netherlands	292,890	Netherlands	293,990
FRG	274,800	Denmark	285,020	FRG	252,570
Japan	214,760	FRG	275,090	China	237,490
Other	1,474,040	Other	1,692,260	Other	1,891,430
Total	5,084,200	Total	5,599,980	Total	5,881,300

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 with some level of foreign ownership (by nationality) as at 30 June

2013		2014		2015	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
United Kingdom	5,849	United Kingdom	6,096	United Kingdom	5,904
New Zealand	2,654	New Zealand	2,654	China	3,585
Japan	2,344	Japan	2,382	New Zealand	2,617
USA	2,205	USA	2,369	Japan	2,451
China	1,649	China	2,326	USA	2,396
Singapore	1,648	Singapore	1,716	Singapore	1,848
Others	11,448	Others	12,243	Others	12,332
Total	27,797	Total	29,786	Total	31,133

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 2014/15
ranked by local government area (top 10)**

Local Government	Value (A\$)
Brisbane City	1,023,373,040
Gold Coast	592,217,610
Ipswich	78,175,508
Moreton Bay	59,402,337
Logan	43,857,811
Cairns	40,378,567
Sunshine Coast	38,182,912
Western Downs	37,803,620
Noosa	31,690,890
Toowoomba	26,258,346

*Approximate areas only

**2. Total area foreign owned - ranked by local
government area (top 10) as at 30/6/15 ***

Local Government	Area (ha)
Bulloo	806,520
Mareeba	571,970
Diamantina	535,340
Barcoo	521,690
Isaac	360,830
Cloncurry	311,480
Burke	295,170
Longreach	284,920
Central Highlands	270,390
Quilpie	194,910

**3. Total land parcels with some level of
foreign ownership - ranked by local
government area (top 10) as at 30/6/15**

Local Government	Number
Gold Coast	7,094
Brisbane City	5,173
Isaac	3,496
Cassowary Coast	2,076
Central Highlands	1,710
Moreton Bay	1,021
Cairns	993
Sunshine Coast	930
Gladstone	688
Bundaberg	628

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Value of annual acquisitions during 2014/15			
Brisbane City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
China	382,975,545	China	372,664,656
Singapore	337,318,050	Singapore	41,428,532
Hong Kong	78,347,050	Malaysia	32,635,866
United Kingdom	52,464,525	New Zealand	18,215,050
USA	44,196,802	TWN	17,025,900
Malaysia	29,388,430	Indonesia	13,611,450
Brunei Darussalam	17,500,000	Hong Kong	12,961,967
TWN	11,340,940	Brunei Darussalam	11,500,000
India	7,827,300	Korea, Republic of	8,681,833
Others	62,014,398	Others	63,492,356
Total	1,023,373,040	Total	592,217,610

*Approximate areas only

Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2015*			
Brisbane City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
United Kingdom	626	Japan	665
Mexico	209	FRG	450
USA	146	Mexico	450
Singapore	73	Malaysia	295
China	65	United Kingdom	217
Japan	46	New Zealand	208
Malaysia	44	Hong Kong	207
Canada	43	USA	191
Netherlands	36	China	184
Others	180	Others	677
Total	1468	Total	3544

Total land parcels with some level of foreign ownership (by nationality) as at 30 June 2015			
Brisbane City Council		Gold Coast City Council	
Country	Number	Country	Number
China	1443	China	1320
United Kingdom	477	New Zealand	991
Singapore	474	Singapore	643
New Zealand	334	Japan	546
Hong Kong	319	United Kingdom	388
Malaysia	273	New Caledonia	373
USA	218	Malaysia	350
TWN	145	South Africa	325
South Africa	133	Korea, Republic of	235
Others	1,357	Others	1,923
Total	5,173	Total	7,094

Code	Country	Code	Country
USA	United States of America	FRG	Federal Republic of Germany
TWN	Republic of China (Taiwan)		

Value of annual acquisitions during 2014/15			
Redland City Council		Logan City Council	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
China	1,166,000	China	14,399,466
Canada	710,000	South Africa	8,529,400
New Zealand	680,750	Singapore	6,899,699
Malaysia	510,000	United Kingdom	2,847,883
TWN	362,000	USA	2,541,000
France	292,500	Malaysia	2,292,900
Philippines	156,500	Hong Kong	1,726,000
Hong Kong	52,000	New Zealand	1,251,000
United Kingdom	19,500	Korea, Republic of	1,003,000
New Caledonia	18,500	Indonesia	379,000
		Others	1,988,463
Total	3,967,750	Total	43,857,811

*Approximate areas only

Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2015*			
Redland City Council		Logan City Council	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
Singapore	16	Philippines	1444
United Kingdom	8	Japan	167
New Zealand	6	Bermuda	66
Canada	4	United Kingdom	54
South Africa	2	TWN	38
FRG	2	Malaysia	33
China	2	China	29
Hong Kong	1	USA	23
China	1	New Zealand	17
Others	7	Others	67
Total	49	Total	1938

Total land parcels with some level of foreign ownership (by nationality) as at 30 June 2015			
Redland City Council		Logan City Council	
Country	Number	Country	Number
United Kingdom	81	China	127
New Zealand	62	Singapore	65
South Africa	20	New Zealand	65
FRG	16	United Kingdom	59
China	16	Hong Kong	35
Singapore	15	Malaysia	31
USA	12	Japan	27
Hong Kong	9	USA	23
Malaysia	8	South Africa	20
Others	75	Others	150
Total	314	Total	602

Code	Country	Code	Country
TWN	Republic of China (Taiwan)	FRG	Federal Republic of Germany
USA	United States of America		

Value of annual acquisitions during 2014/15			
Moreton Bay Regional Council		Sunshine Coast Regional Council	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
Singapore	26,459,507	United Kingdom	12,350,100
China	12,830,250	South Africa	6,748,025
Japan	4,127,385	USA	6,063,860
USA	3,878,346	China	3,245,000
United Kingdom	2,749,610	New Zealand	2,757,500
Cayman Islands	1,194,102	Japan	2,298,827
South Africa	1,174,300	Cayman Islands	1,516,320
France	1,147,500	Canada	1,248,390
India	977,000	PNG	644,900
Other	4,864,337	Others	1,309,990
Total	59,402,337	Total	38,182,912

*Approximate areas only

Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2015*			
Moreton Bay Regional Council		Sunshine Coast Regional Council	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
United Kingdom	567	United Kingdom	768
USA	488	Belgium	349
Singapore	434	New Zealand	335
Denmark	423	USA	270
Mexico	234	UAE	239
Italy	30	Denmark	191
TWN	25	Mexico	149
FRG	22	FRG	98
China	19	South Africa	72
Others	82	Others	193
Total	2,324	Total	2,664

Total land parcels with some level of foreign ownership (by nationality) as at 30 June 2015			
Moreton Bay Regional Council		Sunshine Coast Regional Council	
Country	Number	Country	Number
New Zealand	179	United Kingdom	210
China	149	Japan	161
United Kingdom	141	New Zealand	157
Canada	119	USA	87
Singapore	68	South Africa	46
USA	52	Canada	32
Japan	39	FRG	21
South Africa	35	China	20
Malaysia	18	Netherlands	17
Others	221	Others	179
Total	1021	Total	930

Code	Country	Code	Country
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany	USA	United States of America
TWN	Republic of China (Taiwan)	UAE	United Arab Emirates
PNG	Papua New Guinea		

Value of annual acquisitions during 2014/15			
Ipswich City Council		Toowoomba Regional Council	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
China	31,026,638	USA	14,586,799
USVI	12,841,675	Hong Kong	6,575,000
Netherlands	12,669,796	Indonesia	2,194,047
Canada	12,669,796	United Kingdom	875,000
Singapore	4,004,645	Canada	750,000
New Zealand	1,499,000	Switzerland	750,000
Japan	1,470,858	New Zealand	470,000
United Kingdom	568,250	Korea, Republic of	57,500
Indonesia	535,000		
Others	889,850		
Total	78,175,508	Total	26,258,346

*Approximate areas only

Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2015*			
Ipswich City Council		Toowoomba Regional Council	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
USA	258	Japan	7,929
France	141	FRG	5,320
Malaysia	119	USA	4,256
China	111	Malta	4,136
Canada	50	United Kingdom	2,999
FRG	47	Malaysia	2,318
Mexico	43	Indonesia	1,075
Netherlands	40	Hong Kong	773
Japan	21	China	370
Others	61	Others	509
Total	891	Total	29,685

Total land parcels with some level of foreign ownership (by nationality) as at 30 June 2015			
Ipswich City Council		Toowoomba Regional Council	
Country	Number	Country	Number
Japan	143	United Kingdom	85
China	130	Malaysia	77
New Zealand	79	Malta	68
Malaysia	54	USA	67
United Kingdom	36	Japan	47
South Africa	27	FRG	38
USA	26	Netherlands	23
Singapore	19	Indonesia	13
Canada	12	New Zealand	13
Others	94	Others	91
Total	620	Total	522

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

Value of annual acquisitions during 2014/15			
Townsville City Council		Cairns Regional Council	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
United Kingdom	1,098,500	PNG	18,056,002
New Zealand	884,000	China	9,293,000
Korea, Republic of	873,039	Israel	7,261,065
USA	825,000	United Kingdom	2,735,500
Singapore	761,103	Sri Lanka	755,000
Norway	700,000	India	700,000
China	470,000	New Zealand	437,000
South Africa	405,000	United Arab Emirates	435,000
PNG	369,000	Germany	239,000
Others	422,200	Others	467,000
Total	6,807,842	Total	40,378,567

*Approximate areas only

Total land area owned (by nationality) as at 30 June 2015*			
Townsville City Council		Cairns Regional Council	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
USA	878	Thailand	168
United Kingdom	447	Japan	161
Mexico	213	Hong Kong	154
Korea, Republic of	134	China	120
Cyprus	52	Switzerland	35
New Zealand	26	USA	20
Thailand	15	United Kingdom	19
Netherlands	12	PNG	11
India	2	Singapore	11
Others	11	Others	35
Total	1,790	Total	734

Total land parcels with some level of foreign ownership (by nationality) as at 30 June 2015			
Townsville City Council		Cairns Regional Council	
Country	Number	Country	Number
Thailand	55	PNG	218
United Kingdom	52	United Kingdom	173
New Zealand	43	Japan	121
Cyprus	15	New Zealand	65
South Africa	14	USA	50
Canada	13	Singapore	50
Netherlands	11	Hong Kong	36
Singapore	10	China	31
Ireland	9	South Africa	30
Others	105	Others	219
Total	327	Total	993

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