

Historic agreement unites Geospatial Council of Australia and Surveyors Australia

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The Geospatial Council of Australia (GCA) and Surveyors Australia have signed a landmark agreement to strengthen the National Engineering Surveying Certification Program. This collaboration strengthens industry standards, elevates professional recognition, and ensures that certified engineering surveyors are equipped to meet the demands of Australia's growing infrastructure sector.

GCA has successfully operated the certification program for over a decade, with 132 currently certified practitioners. However, with engineering surveyors playing a crucial role in major infrastructure projects, this partnership aims to establish certification as a national benchmark of competency, giving industry clients greater confidence in the quality and reliability of surveyors working on projects ranging from roads and bridges to large-scale developments.

Tony Wheeler, CEO of GCA, said: "This agreement is a defining moment for the profession. By joining forces, we are reinforcing the value of certification, providing stronger assurance to industry clients, and supporting the career progression of engineering surveyors."

Under the new governance structure, an Advisory Board with equal representation from both organisations will oversee the certification program. An expanded Certification Committee, comprising leading experts from both GCA and Surveyors Australia, will work to refine and enhance competency standards to reflect the evolving needs of the industry. To further strengthen the program, both organisations will also increase the number of assessors to ensure timely processing of certification applications while maintaining rigorous assessment criteria.

Michelle Blicavs, CEO of Surveyors Australia, added: "Engineering surveying is too critical to remain largely unregulated. Certification will not only raise professional standards but also provide industry clients with greater confidence in the expertise and integrity of certified surveyors. This is a major step towards ensuring a stronger, more recognised profession."

This milestone agreement underscores the shared commitment of GCA and Surveyors Australia to advancing the profession, enhancing workforce capability, and ensuring certified professionals continue to meet the highest standards of competency and professionalism in engineering surveying.

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About Geospatial Council of Australia:

The Geospatial Council of Australia (GCA) is the peak professional body representing the geospatial sector in Australia. Committed to promoting excellence, inclusivity, and strategic growth within the industry, the GCA serves as a unifying force for geospatial professionals and organisations across the country.

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About Surveyors Australia

Surveyors Australia is the peak industry body representing more than 600 surveying businesses. Its purpose is to promote, represent and support surveyors and their businesses across Australia. No building project commences without a surveyor first being on site, making surveyors vital to Australia's development.

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