



Role of SBQ

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Role of the Surveyors Board of Queensland

The Board has a specific role. It is required to administer the *Surveyors Act 2003*.

The thrust of the *Surveyors Act 2003* is 'The Board aims to ensure public confidence in the profession of surveying'.

The Board Role

The Board is appointed by Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, to administer the *Surveyors Act 2003*, for and on behalf of the Minister.

The Act sets out in Section 9, the Functions of the Board, that is what the Board has to administer through the Act. The 'rules' the Board must work within are set out in other Sections of the Act and in the *Surveyors Regulation 2004*.

As part of this administration role, the Board is able to provide advice to the Minister on matters set out in the Act and other survey related matters. The Minister also seeks advice from the Department and where appropriate from other sources, such as the professional bodies.

Changes to legislation are progressed and implemented by the Department, not the Board. The Board can only request that amendments be made to the Surveyors Act and suggest changes to other survey related legislation.

There appear to be misconceptions and misunderstandings by members of the surveying profession, on what the Surveyors Board of Queensland is responsible for. The answer on what the Board has responsibility for is simple – the administration of the Act. However, the intricacies of implementation on how changes to Government policy and legislation may be achieved, is more complex.

Role of Government – NRW

Government is responsible for legislation. Before amendments can be made to Acts and Regulation, a case must be placed before the Minister responsible for that legislation.

With the review of the *Surveyors Act 1977*, a major component of the review was to ensure that the Bill meets the Guidelines set down under the National Competition Policy. The *Surveyors Act 2003* reflects the NCP Guidelines.

As such, Treasury has a substantial interest in ensuring that the review meets the agreed timetable of the Federal Government. Funding worth millions of dollars to Queensland is dependent on the Guidelines and the review timetable being met by the State.

Role of Professional Bodies and Industry Groups

The professional bodies are able to interact with Government on a range of issues, including Government policy and legislation. This can be done individually, collectively, and where there is consensus by the profession, may also include SBQ.

The need for open and regular communication within the profession, including the Surveyors Board of Queensland, is essential, if Government is to take notice of matters brought forward by surveyors. The formation of the Spatial Sciences Institute should be a catalyst in placing key industry issues before Government.

Role of Individuals

Professionals at the 'coal face' are usually the first to notice if a matter or process is working or not working. To progress and/or change something that may require review, the following steps should be considered:-

- Raise the matter with your fellow professionals.
- Is it a local or State issue?
- Put the matter before your professional body/industry group, as well as the Board.
- Take an interest in the profession and contribute.

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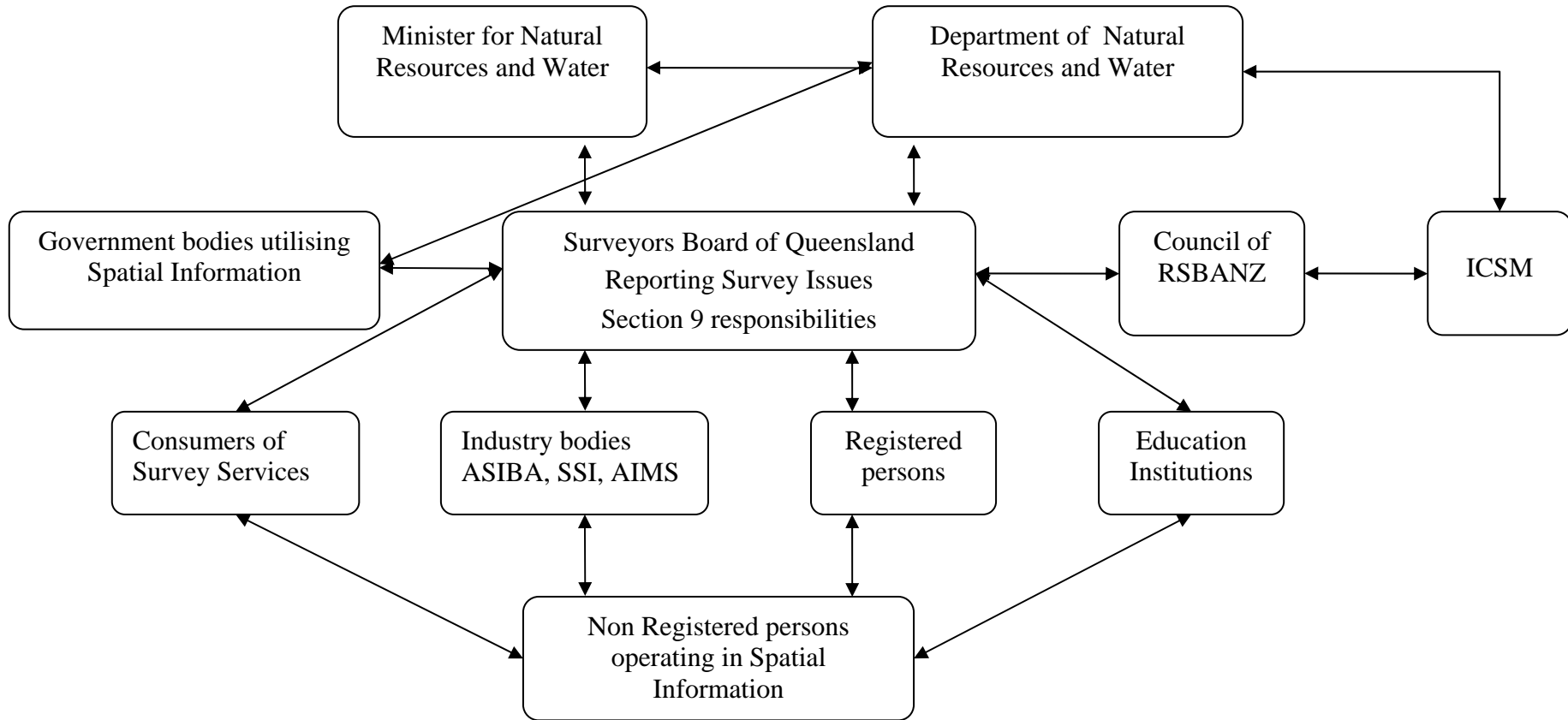
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For more information, please see the diagram on page 4.

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Role Of Surveyors Board Of Queensland Within the Surveying Profession



There are potential cross linkages between all of the groups shown.

There may be other groups which have not been identified.

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