



**Director General, Surveyor General and Registrar General
Warwick Watkins AMP:ISMP (Harv), MNatRes, DipScAgr, HDA (Hons), FAPI, FISA (NSW), JP**

Warwick Watkins was appointed Director General of the Department of Lands on 2 April 2003. He has held the position of Surveyor General since 2000 and the position of Registrar General since 2003. He has previously held a number of executive public sector management positions in NSW including Director General of the Department of Information Technology and Management (DITM), Executive Director of the Electricity Reform Task Force, Commissioner of Soil Conservation Service, Director General of the Department of Conservation and Land Management, Director General of State and Regional Development and Chief Executive of the Waterways Authority.

Mr Watkins is President of the Board of Surveying and Spatial Information, Chair of the Geographical Names Board and Chair of the Australian and New Zealand Land Information Council (ANZLIC), Deputy Chair of the CSIRO Research Flagship, Water for a Healthy Country, a member of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Ultra-high Bandwidth Devices for Optical Systems, a member of the National Spatial Information for National Security Committee and Deputy Chair of the Cooperative Research Centre for Spatial Information. He is also a Pro Chancellor of the University of Technology, Sydney and a past foundation director of Landcare Australia Limited and former Deputy Chair of Land and Water Australia Board.



**Deputy Director General and General Manager, Land and Property Information Division
Des Mooney MBA (Syd), BSurv (Hons), MIS Aust, FAICD Dip FAIM**

Des Mooney was appointed as the General Manager, Land and Property Information (LPI) in February 2001 and appointed as Deputy Director General on 3 April 2003. He has extensive senior management experience in both the public and private sectors including experience in surveying, mapping and valuation activities. In his role as Executive Director of Management Services with the NSW Police Service Mr Mooney's responsibilities included the management of IT, finance, legal, infrastructure, corporate service and commercial service areas.

He is a Director of PSMA (Public Sector Mapping Agencies) Australia and a member of the National Steering Committee for Electronic Conveyancing. He is also an alternate Director of the Governing Board of the Cooperative Research Centre for Spatial Information (CRC-SI). Mr Mooney is also a registered surveyor and registered valuer.



**Valuer General
Philip Western B.Agric Com (VFM) FAPI, AIMM, ANZPI, NZIM**

Philip Western was appointed Valuer General in September 2003.

He is the principal advisor to the New South Wales government on valuation issues. His responsibilities include the regulatory functions relating to statutory land valuations, professional conduct of and ensuring the integrity of the valuation system and processes.

The Valuer General is also responsible for the determination of compensation under the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Compensation Act 1991*.

Philip has been responsible for some significant enhancements to the NSW valuation system, in a drive to improve the accuracy and consistency of land values and to provide more transparency in the valuation system.

Previously General Manager, Quotable Value Australia, Philip had responsibility for driving business growth for rating, taxation and valuation consultancy work, in New South Wales. This was undertaken in tandem with his role as General Manager, Rating and Taxation for Quotable Value New Zealand. His focus was on development of valuation business with local government customers throughout New Zealand.

Philip is a Fellow of the New South Wales division of the Australian Institute of Valuers. He is currently a member of the Continuing Professional Development and Education Committee and has served on a number of sub committees.

In his spare time, Philip is a member of the Board of Gymnastics NSW and a member of the NSW Rhythmic Gymnastics Sports Management Committee and the Competition Coordinator for NSW rhythmic gymnastics.



**General Manager Crown Lands Division
Graham Harding**

Graham Harding was appointed as General Manager Crown Lands Division in 2004.

With 38 years experience in public land management, Graham is now driving the most significant reforms for Crown land since the 1989 legislation.

The structure of the division has been streamlined to a program management model that will have greater capacity to respond to government directives and improving public value outcomes.

Strong partnerships have been developed with industry and local government leaders to ensure that Crown land assets provide the economic social and environmental deliverables that support communities and government initiatives.

In the last 12 months he has completed a management review of Rookwood Necropolis Cemetery and submitted a report to government on the construction of Crown roads. Currently he chairs the Interdepartmental Committee on Dredging and the Interstate Committee for the Tweed River Estuary Sand By-Pass.



**General Manager Soil Conservation Service Division
Paul Jones B.Eng (Civil), Certified Professional Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC)**

Paul Jones joined the Department of Lands as acting General Manager, transferring from the former Department of Land and Water Conservation when the Soil Conservation Service Division was transferred to the new department in April 2003. Paul was appointed to the General Manager position in February 2004.

With the transfer of the division Paul has led the drive to improve the financial position of the group with a range of new marketing strategies, Soilfleet rationalisation and upgrading and environmental consultancy expansion.

With a civil engineering background for 25 years he has extensive experience in soil conservation works and managing a commercial earthmoving and environmental consultancy group. During his career he has also worked with various government departments in a range of engineering positions involving river, flood mitigation, coast and ports works and government facilities.