

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS



Director General, Surveyor General, Registrar General and Soil Conservation Commissioner

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, 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



Deputy Director General and General Manager, Land and Property Information Division

Des Mooney MBA (Syd), BSurv (Hons), MIS Aust, FAICD Dip FAIM, JP

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 BAgCom (VFM) FAPI, AIMM, ANZPI

Philip Western is the principal advisor to the NSW government on valuation issues. His responsibilities include the regulatory functions relating to statutory land valuations, ensuring the professional conduct and integrity of the valuation system, and the determination of compensation under the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Compensation Act 1991*.

Philip has been responsible for overseeing some significant enhancements to the NSW valuation system in a drive to improve the accuracy and consistency of land values, and to enhance transparency and improve communication with the public.

Previously General Manager, Quotable Value Australia, Philip had responsibility for driving business growth for rating and valuation consultancy in NSW. This was undertaken in tandem with his role as General Manager, Rating and Taxation for Quotable Value New Zealand.

Philip is a Fellow of the NSW division of the Australian Property Institute (API) and a Divisional Councillor for NSW, in addition to being a member of several working groups.

In 2008, Philip was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Canada based International Property Taxation Institute.



General Manager Crown Lands Division

Graham Harding

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

With extensive experience in public land management, Graham has been driving the most significant reforms for Crown land management in recent history.

The current major thrust of these reforms is working with local government agencies across NSW in the planning and appropriate development of the state's Crown reserve system. These initiatives support the NSW Government's commitment to the State Plan ensuring both built and natural infrastructure are sustained now and into the future and more people are encouraged to use Crown reserves for recreation.

Complementing these reforms, the structure of the division has been streamlined to a program management model that will have greater capacity to respond to government priorities, delivering improved public value outcomes to communities across NSW.

Graham chairs the Interstate Committee for the Tweed River Estuary Sand By-Pass and is a Board Member for the Festival Development Corporation.



General Manager and Deputy Commissioner, Business Operations, Soil Conservation Service Division

Paul Jones BEng (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, Works fleet rationalisation and upgrading and environmental consultancy expansion.

With a 30-year civil engineering background, Paul 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.

With transfer of administration of the *Soil Conservation Act 1938* to Lands during the year Paul was appointed a Deputy Commissioner Soil Conservation Service, Business Operations, for Act administration purposes.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

Organisational chart

