ISNSW Cadastral Workshops: 2006 to 2014 and Beyond

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SUMMARY
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Currently there is a shortage of Registered Surveyors in New South Wales (NSW), Australia. A recent report by BIS Shrapnel entitled “Determining the Future Demand, Supply and Skills Gap for Surveying and Geospatial Professionals” predicts that there will be an acute shortage of surveyors in NSW and Australia by 2019. The problem is twofold: the number of undergraduates in surveying is low and there are insufficient graduates continuing on to registration. The New South Wales Board of Surveying and Spatial Information (BOSSI) has encouraged the Institution of Surveyors NSW (ISNSW) to offer programs and initiatives to assist graduate surveyors to become registered. ISNSW offers Instructional and Assessment Cadastral Workshops to financially enrolled BOSSI candidates undertaking registration. The Victorian and Queensland surveyor’s boards, in conjunction with professional surveying associations in each of those States, are developing their own cadastral workshop models. The genesis of what they are developing is based on the ISNSW cadastral workshops. This paper presents a history of the development of the ISNSW workshops that started with a letter of request in 2006 from the then NSW Surveyor General Warwick Watkins. The development and improvement of the workshops to the present is outlined along with a summary of the content of the Queensland and Victorian models. The paper concludes with an evaluation of the worth of these workshops.