

Submission

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SIXTH GENERAL MEETING WITH THE VALUER-GENERAL

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Submission to the Joint Standing Committee on the Office of the Valuer General

RICS Oceania would like to thank the Joint Standing Committee on the Office of the Valuer General for allowing RICS to make this submission for the 6th General Meeting with the Valuer General

RICS is a global not for profit organisation that regulates and promotes professionals in valuation, property, construction and land. Currently RICS represents 140 000+ members in 146 countries including Australia. Under the RICS Supplemental Charter RICS and its members are charged to always act in the public interest.

RICS would like to make submissions to the Joint Standing Committee in response to questions and answers submitted during the 5th General Meeting with the Valuer General.

RICS notes the Valuer General's remarks regarding the shortage of qualified valuers at his disposal. RICS would like to submit that the inclusion of RICS members in the tendering documents for contract valuers would go some way to alleviate this shortage.

Currently RICS members are excluded from tendering for this work, the current tender documents are reliant on membership the Australian Property Institute only.

Secondly RICS would like to submit to the Joint Standing Committee that it would be willing to assist the Valuer General in his aim to establish a Graduate and Trainee Valuer Program.

RICS is one of the world's largest providers of graduate training through its Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) and RICS has worked closely with over 2000 employers globally in establishing structured, competence based training programs that meets the needs of both graduates and employers. The establishment of an Structured Training Agreement would ensure that the Valuer General can monitor the progress of valuers through their training and that graduates and trainees are gaining competence in rating valuations.

RICS looks forward to meeting with the Joint Standing Committee at its next meeting to discuss these matters in more detail.

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