



**Nomination Template for  
Commission Chair Elect 2021-2022**  
(for the positions of Chair of Commission for the term 2023-2026)

<b>Commission no. 7</b>	
<b>Nominee</b>	
Name	Dr. Rohan Mark Bennett (Associate Professor)
Country	Australia
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Age	39 (28.02.1981)
Degrees and educational background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PhD (Melb; 2008)</li> <li>- Bachelor of Geomatic Engineering (Honors; Melb; 2003) Bachelor of Science (Information Systems; Melb; 2003)</li> <li>- University Teaching Qualification (UTQ; Twente; 2012)</li> </ul>
Employment history - current position - previous	<p><u>Current</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Senior Geodetic Consultant (Kadaster International; Netherlands; 2019-)</li> <li>- Associate Professor Information Systems (Swinburne University; Australia; 2017-)</li> <li>- Managing Director (Bennett Cleary &amp; Associates, (Australia; 2019-)</li> <li>- Professor (Adjunct), Ethiopian Space Science and Technology Institute (2020-)</li> </ul> <p><u>Past</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Associate Professor (ITC; University of Twente; Netherlands; 2011-2017)</li> <li>- Lecturer/Research Fellow/PhD (University of Melbourne; 2004-2008)</li> <li>- Surveyor (RMK; 2003)</li> </ul>
Positions of trust	<u>Current</u>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- current</li> <li>- previous</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Director, Bennett Cleary &amp; Associates Pty. Ltd. (2018-)</li> <li>- Project Manager, Kadaster International (2019-)</li> <li>- Editorial Board, Land Use Policy (2020-)</li> <li>- ARC Review Board (2018-)</li> <li>- Editorial Board, Remote Sensing (Sub-Editor for Urban Science section) (2018-)</li> <li>- Editorial Board, Survey Review (ISI) (2015-)</li> </ul> <p><u>Past</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research Director, BTE Department, Faculty of Business and Law (2018)</li> <li>- Advisory Board Member, 'its4land' EC Horizon 2020 Project (2017-20)</li> <li>- Discipline Leader – Information Systems, Swinburne Business School (2017-18)</li> <li>- Director, School of Land Administration Studies, U-Twente and Netherlands Kadaster (2016-2017)</li> <li>- Project Coordinator, its4land - European Commission Horizon2020 (2016-17)</li> <li>- Portfolio Holder Research - Management Team, PGM Dept, ITC University of Twente (2015-2017)</li> <li>- Swedish Riksbanken Jubileumsfond – Reviewer (2017)</li> <li>- Primary Investigator, CAESIE Grant - Australian Government / European Commission (2015)</li> <li>- Primary Investigator, Monkicar/CoCoon - Netherlands Research Agency (NWO) (2012-13)</li> <li>- PhD Completion Committees: Member x +10; Panel Chair ~5</li> <li>- Secretary of Melbourne University GPS (Geomatics Postgraduate Society) (2007)</li> </ul>
<p>Positions in FIG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- current</li> <li>- previous</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIG Commission 7 AGM 2020 Co-Organizer/Facilitator</li> <li>- FIG Commission 7 AGM 2019 Content Support</li> <li>- FIG Commission 7 WG 7.3 2015-2016</li> <li>- FIG 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> LADM Workshop Co-Organizer 2012-14</li> <li>- FIG Young Ambassador Sydney Congress 2010 (2006-2010)</li> </ul>
<p>Other activities in FIG</p>	<p><u>Attendee, Presenter, Session Chair, and/or Rapporteur:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIG Congresses: 2006; 2010</li> <li>- FIG Working Weeks: 2012, 2016</li> <li>- FIG Commission 7 AGM: 2015; 2019; 2020</li> <li>- FIG YSN 4<sup>th</sup> Euro Meeting: 2016</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIG Peer Reviewer: 2010</li> </ul> <p><u>Contributor to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIG Publication 61 'Cadastre 2014 and Beyond'</li> </ul> <p><u>Article of the month:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIG June 2011</li> <li>- FIG February 2017</li> <li>- FIG October 2019</li> </ul>
Field of surveying discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cadastral Surveying</li> <li>- Land Administration</li> <li>- Land Management</li> <li>- Land Registration</li> <li>- Land Information Systems</li> </ul>
Nominees Statement:	
Why I want to be a Commission Chair and what I would like to achieve	<p>I am nominating for FIG Chair Commission 7 for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To continue to enhance the rich tradition of Commission 7 as the premier platform for international <u>dialogue and discourse</u> amongst the cadastral surveying and land administration profession, including those who are young and emerging (e.g. YSN)</li> <li>2. To increase <u>awareness, alignment, and advocacy</u> of the cadastral surveying profession with FIG Commissions, international agencies (e.g. UNGGIM, UN-Habitat, FAO), donors (e.g. World Bank; GIZ; NL Foreign Affairs), and partner professional bodies.</li> <li>3. To support and directly contribute to <u>responsible socio-technical developments</u> for the cadastral surveying profession, at the international level, including the creation and dissemination of knowledge and publications (e.g. LADM Edition II; OGC LandInfra; 3D/4D/Digital Twins; AI/Feature Extraction; Blockchain; AR/VR)</li> </ol>



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	<p>On these goals, I have consulted directly with the current Chair of FIG Commission 7 (Dr. Daniel Paez), to ensure alignment, support, and smooth transition with current and ongoing activities.</p> <p>Whilst it advances and mainstreaming of geospatial technologies has changed the way we map and survey, bring a whole range of new stakeholders into the realm of cadastre and land administration, I firmly believe it remains important for the cadastral profession, at the global level, to continue to take a leading role in informing and guiding future developments. With 20 years working in the field of cadastre and land administration, across multiple countries, I believe I am well placed to garner the support of cadastral community to work together to achieve the above aims.</p>
<p>What I can offer to FIG in support of the aims and objectives of the Commission</p>	<p>I bring the following attributes and key skills to FIG and Commission 7</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Lasting Commitment</u>: My entire working career has been based in the domain of land administration and cadastre, commencing with a PhD under former Commission 7 Chair, Prof. Ian Williamson. I have been a regular contributor in terms of expertise, effort, and support to Commission 7 since 2006 – and plan to continue that support, regardless of whether in the role of Chair.</li> <li>2. <u>Internationally Networked</u>: Having worked at cadastral and land administration holds in Australia (University of Melbourne) and the Netherlands (ITC, University of Twente; Kadaster International), I bring a strong international network of partners, collaborators, and friends, made up of leading practitioners, scholars, and thought-leaders across government, private sector, and academic – across Europe, Oceania, Asia, Africa, and North and South America.</li> <li>3. <u>Leading-Edge Developer</u>: Having direct connections working with government (Kadaster Netherlands), academia (Swinburne), private sector (Bennett</li> </ol>



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	<p>Cleary &amp; Associates), provides access and involvement to the latest technical and political developments impacting upon the cadastral domain. I have been directly involved in these developments over the last 15 years, and most recently helped co-edit the Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA), endorsed in August 2020 by UN-GGIM, and co-authored the FFPLA4all publication by Kadaster International. This knowledge can and will be used to drive the Commission 7 agenda, to ensure positive and useful developments are created by, and made available to, the broader cadastral surveying community.</p>
My key skills	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>Appropriately Qualified:</u> I possess a PhD in the cadastral field, further backed by other degrees and qualifications in geomatics, information, and education.</li><li>2. <u>Respectful to Traditions, but with Growth Mindset:</u> My academic background equips me with appreciation and respect for the past developments and cadastral challenges, whilst my R&amp;D focus and entrepreneurial mindset, with industry, ensures I'm always looking for new opportunities to improve techniques and tools used within the cadastral profession. In the last years I've connected existing cadastral conventions with cadastral innovation through support on FELA (links to SDGs, VGGTs), FFPLA4all (links to PPPs), and cadastral futures (links to Cadastre2014).</li><li>3. <u>International Leadership Experience:</u> I have strong experience in successfully leading diverse groups and project teams, across multiple countries, languages, time zones, and disciplines.</li></ol>
Any other general comments	N/A
<b>Nominator</b>	



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Name of member Association	Surveying & Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI); Australia
Name and title of contact person	Mr. Paul Digney President at Surveying & Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI)
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<b>Nominator's statement</b>	
Why the association wants to nominate Nominee	<p>The Australian cadastral survey sector, most recently through the SSSI affiliation, has a strong and demonstrated history of supporting FIG Commission 7 work programs. This support has included occupying the position of Chair, leadership of Working Groups, and making contributions to publications and events. Most recently, this was demonstrated through the support of Dr. Daniel Paez in the role of Commission 7 Chair, during his transition from living and working in Colombia, to Australia.</p> <p>SSSI endorses Associate Professor Rohan Bennett for the Chair of Commission 7 for the coming period 2023-26. Rohan is an Australian citizen and SSSI member. He received his training in cadastral surveying and geodesy at the University of Melbourne. He completed his PhD under the supervision of Professor Ian Williamson – with a focus on Australian land administration in 2008. He was involved in both land administration education, training and R&amp;D projects at the Centre for SDIs and Land Administration between 2004-2011.</p> <p>Rohan has worked in internationally with University of Twente (ITC Faculty), Kadaster Netherlands, and Bennett Cleary and Associates for the last decade. Building on his formative Australian experiences, he would bring excellent international awareness, linkages, knowledge and skillsets to the Chair. He has worked on land administration projects, research initiatives, and training programs in (and for) Indonesia, Vietnam, Mongolia,</p>

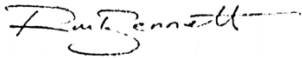
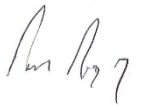


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	<p>Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Nepal, China, Rwanda, Ukraine, Armenia, and Ghana, amongst others.</p> <p>Rohan recently returned to Australia and has renewed his SSSI membership. In both his time in Australia and internationally, Dr. Bennett has maintained ongoing commitment and input to FIG, and particularly to Commission 7. He was a Young Ambassador for four years, for the FIG 2010 Congress in Sydney. He has Chaired and acted as Rapporteur for many sessions at FIG Working Weeks and congresses. He has delivered or co-authored numerous FIG conference papers, and has also been directly involved in writing for FIG publications. He has supported and been involved with FIG Commission 7 Working Groups over multiple terms. He has facilitated, or co-organized FIG events linked to LADM/STDM workshops.</p> <p>Rohan has been involved in the development and scaling of many recent land administration tools and concepts including FFPLA, LADM, application of UAVs, AI and automated cadastral boundary extraction, 3D cadastral data modelling, pro-poor approaches to land administration, cadastrepreneurship, amongst others. He continues to work to be on the frontline of cadastral development, in terms of 3D/4D development, scaling pro-poor approaches, and the move towards full land administration automation. This is considered important for maintaining the global relevance of the domain, and FIG Commission 7 more specifically.</p> <p>SSSI Australia believes this background and active commitment to land administration, cadastre, and land management – both in Australia and internationally makes Assoc. Prof. Rohan Bennett a unique, capable and worthy candidate for the important role of FIG Commission 7 Chair, and we hereby strongly endorse his application.</p>
<p>Support the Association can offer the Nominee (financial and other)</p>	<p>SSSI Australia supports Assoc. Professor Bennett in his application, via this formal nomination. If he is successfully nominated, SSSI notes that his Commission 7 activities is intended to be primarily funded via an ongoing partnership with Kadaster International, Netherlands.</p>



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	Where appropriate, SSSI Australia will also support Rohan in terms of making available SSSI's knowledge repositories, networks, and administrative resources, to support FIG Commission 7 activities, particularly in the case that any events are held within Australia. On a case-by-case, and as-needs basis, consideration will be given to supporting some of the costs, including travel, associated with Rohan, through SSSI, taking on the role.
Any other comments	N/A
<b>Signed</b> I hereby certify the above is true and correct	
Date	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020
Nominee	 Rohan Bennett
Nominator	 Paul Digney