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Ms. Louise Friis-Hansen
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Dear Ms Friis-Hanson

Letter of Support for Associate Professor Rohan Bennett's nomination as Chair-Elect, Commission 7

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.

SSSI endorses Associate Professor Rohan Bennett (Rohan) 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&D projects at the Centre for SDIs and Land Administration between 2004-2011.

Rohan has worked 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 position of Chair. He has worked on land administration projects, research initiatives, and training programs in (and for) Indonesia, Vietnam, Mongolia, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Nepal, China, Rwanda, Ukraine, Armenia, and Ghana, amongst others.

Rohan recently returned to Australia and has renewed his SSSI membership. In both his time in Australia and internationally, and has maintained an 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.

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, cadastral entrepreneurship, amongst others. He continues to work 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 this expertise will assist in maintaining the global relevance of the domain, and FIG Commission 7 more specifically.

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.

Yours sincerely



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