



**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	<b>Dr. Rohan Mark Bennett (Associate Professor)</b>
Country	<b>Australia</b>
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Age	<b>39 (28.02.1981)</b>
Degrees and educational background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>PhD (Melb; 2008)</b></li><li>- <b>Bachelor of Geomatic Engineering (Honors; Melb; 2003) Bachelor of Science (Information Systems; Melb; 2003)</b></li><li>- <b>University Teaching Qualification (UTQ; Twente; 2012)</b></li></ul>
Employment history - current position - previous	<p><b><u>Current</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Senior Geodetic Consultant (Kadaster International; Netherlands; 2019-)</b></li><li>- <b>Associate Professor Information Systems (Swinburne University; Australia; 2017-)</b></li><li>- <b>Managing Director (Bennett Cleary &amp; Associates, (Australia; 2019-)</b></li><li>- <b>Professor (Adjunct), Ethiopian Space Science and Technology Institute (2020-)</b></li></ul> <p><b><u>Past</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Associate Professor (ITC; University of Twente; Netherlands; 2011-2017)</b></li><li>- <b>Lecturer/Research Fellow/PhD (University of Melbourne; 2004-2008)</b></li><li>- <b>Surveyor (RMK; 2003)</b></li></ul>



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<p>Positions of trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- current</li> <li>- previous</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Current</u></b></p> <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><b><u>Past</u></b></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><b><u>Attendee, Presenter, Session Chair, and/or Rapporteur:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIG Congresses: 2006; 2010</li> <li>- FIG Working Weeks: 2012, 2016</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIG Commission 7 AGM: 2015; 2019; 2020</li> <li>- FIG YSN 4<sup>th</sup> Euro Meeting: 2016</li> <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>
<b>Nominees Statement:</b>	
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 proud 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), 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 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>
What I can offer to FIG in support of the aims and objectives of the Commission	<p>I bring the following attributes and key skills to FIG and Commission 7</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b><u>Lasting Commitment:</u></b> 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. <b><u>International Networked:</u></b> 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></ol>

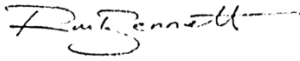


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	<p>3. <b><u>Leading-Edge Developer:</u></b> Having direct connections working with government (Kadaster Netherlands), academia (Swinburne), private sector (Bennett Cleary &amp; Associates), provides access and involvement to the latest technical and political developments impacting upon the cadastral domain. I have been directly involved in these developments over the last 15 years. 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	<p>1. <b><u>Appropriately Qualified:</u></b> I possess a PhD in the cadastral field, further backed by other degrees and qualifications in geomatics, information, and education.</p> <p>2. <b><u>Respectful to Traditions, with Growth Mindset:</u></b> 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.</p> <p>3. <b><u>International Leadership Experience:</u></b> I have strong experience in successfully leading diverse groups and project teams, across multiple countries, languages, time-zones, and disciplines.</p>
Any other general comments	
<b>Nominator</b>	
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	
Support the Association can offer the Nominee (financial and other)	
Any other comments	
<b>Signed</b> I hereby certify the above is true and correct	
Date	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020</b>
Nominee	 <b>Rohan Bennett</b>
Nominator	<b>Paul Digney</b>