

Excerpt from Pūrongo Tūranga Te Minita mō Toitū te Whenua

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World Bank Conference in China

In November Robbie Muir, Deputy Chief Executive Strategy and Stewardship and Registrar-General of Land, represented LINZ at an international conference in Beijing, jointly hosted by the World Bank and the Chinese Government.

We were invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) to attend along with delegates from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (representing the Companies Office and the Intellectual Property Office) and New Zealand Customs. Our attendance was due to our consistently high rankings in the World Bank's annual 'Ease of Doing Business' report, which this year saw New Zealand ranked first overall and second for ease of registering property.

The conference was an opportunity for jurisdictions to share how they've improved their Ease of Doing Business rankings by streamlining regulation and through the innovative use of technology. Our presentation outlined the improvements made to our property system through the development of Landonline and related legislative reforms. There was considerable interest in the high level of automation we've been able to achieve for property registration in New Zealand.

Following the conference MFAT has been approached by the Beijing City Government about sending a delegation to visit New Zealand in mid-February to undertake an Ease of Doing Business study tour. This will include a meeting with LINZ officials on our property system reforms.