

FIG STATEMENT

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Sincere thanks to all who attended the FIG Working Week 2025 held in Brisbane Australia, held jointly with the national Australian conference Locate25. We are pleased that the event received positive participant evaluations and generated a financial surplus. Although it has now become apparent that the national association and host, Geospatial Council Australia GCA, has apparently over the past years been in severe financial trouble.

There was good support from FIG international community, and we are advised by GCS that a larger number of national participants and more visas issued to international participants could have generated the extra surplus that they needed to pay all creditors. It was a surprise to FIG that GCA went into voluntary administration in May 2025, which was unfortunately before FIG and FIG Foundation have received our fees from the conference.

It is a highly unfortunate situation for GCA, and FIG sends its sympathy to all members of GCA. A national association is needed to care for the interest of the profession, and FIG hopes that GCA will find a way forward.

