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Land & Property Information errors due to privatisation process

The issuing of incorrect certificates by the Land and Property Information Service regarding the impact of infrastructure projects on more than 200 properties was due to the looming privatisation of LPI said the Public Service Association (PSA).

The Government has released a report into compensation options for those affected by the errors.

The union said a major contributing factor to the mistakes was staff cutbacks with many experts normally involved in these duties instead working on the preparatory process for the privatisation of the Land Titles Registry.

The PSA said these errors will in future never come to light in the privatised organisation.

"While LPI was in public hands, the NSW Government remained accountable for these human errors. There was a Government guarantee", said PSA General Secretary, Stewart Little.

"Now the service is privatised, there will be no regulation and no accountability, only a profit motive."

"What private enterprise with a focus on its profits is going to raise its hand and advise the community of its errors?"

"There will be no follow up, only cover up now the service is sold off".

"These errors do not bode well for the privatised organisation nor the community," said Stewart Little.