SURVEYORS HONOURED IN NSW/ACT BORDER NAMING CEREMONY

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today welcomed the naming of three sections of the border between NSW and the ACT.

“Sheaffe Line, the Mouat Line and the Johnston Line are named after the three surveyors who originally mapped them a century ago,” the Minister said.

“In 1910, surveyor Percy Sheaffe was instructed by Director of Commonwealth Land and Surveys, Charles Scrivener, to begin the Federal Capital Territory border survey.

“The survey began at Mount Coree and the work Percy Sheaffe, Harry Mouat and Freddie Johnston carried out was hard and, at times, dangerous but it defined the border between NSW and the ACT.

“The detail with which they were able to perform this task was remarkable given the unfamiliar land they were exploring and the difficulties they faced making accurate measurements using the technology of the day.”

Duty MLC for Albury, Tony Catanzariti, welcomed the announcement.

“It is a tradition of the Geographical Names Board to name borders after the surveyors who carried out the original survey, so it is entirely appropriate Percy Sheaffe, Harry Mouat and Freddie Johnston should be honoured in this way,” Mr Catanzariti said.

The border naming ceremony was held at Mount Coree today, with Chief Executive of the Land and Property Management Authority, Warwick Watkins, representing the Minister.