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Quick guide

Use this quick guide if you have a basic understanding of Google Earth.

If you need more detailed instructions go to page 5 and follow the step by step instructions.

1. Once you have launched the NSW Globe, collapse the ‘Primary Database’ and expand the NSW Globe database.

2. Enable the Land Values layer and read the Valuation Information screen.

3. To search by property number, set the search scope to ‘Address / Lot / POI / Property’ and enter a property number.
1. Introduction

In January 2015, the Valuer General and Land and Property Information (LPI) made land values available on the NSW Globe. The NSW Globe allows you to explore mapping and property information within Google Earth.

This user guide assumes a basic level of computer literacy and familiarity with the features available in Google Earth and the NSW Globe.

If you need help with Google Earth or the NSW Globe, watch the NSW Globe Tutorial Part 1 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBPIGwqv6_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBPIGwqv6_Y).

2. System requirements

To view land values on the NSW Globe you need to have Google Earth version 7.0.2 or later installed.

If you need help installing Google Earth watch the NSW Globe Tutorial Part 1.

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<th>Platform</th>
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| PC       | • Operating System: Windows 7 and 8  
          | • CPU: Pentium 4 2.4 Hz+ or AMD 2400xp+  
          | • System Memory (RAM): 1GB+  
          | • Hard Disk: 2GB+ free space  
          | • Network Speed: 768 Kbits/sec  
          | • Graphics Card: DirectX9 and 3D capable with 256MB of VRAM  
          | • Screen: 1280x1024, ‘32-bit True Color’ |
| MAC      | • Operating System: Mac OS X 10.6.8 or later  
          | • CPU: Dual Core Intel Mac  
          | • System Memory (RAM): 1GB+  
          | • Hard Disk: 2GB free space  
          | • Network Speed: 768 Kbits/sec  
          | • Graphics Card: DirectX9 and 3D capable with 256MB of VRAM  
          | • Screen: 1280x1024, ‘Millions of Colors’ |

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1 Source: [https://support.google.com/earth/answer/20701?hl=en](https://support.google.com/earth/answer/20701?hl=en) based upon Google Earth version 7.1.5.1557 (the latest version at the time of the user guide’s publication)
3. Getting started


   ![ACCESS LAND VALUES](image)


   A ‘File Download’ dialog box will be presented (depending on your browser, it may appear different from the one displayed below). Click ‘Open’ to open the NSW Globe in Google Earth.

   If this does not work, you may need to install Google Earth. If you need help installing Google Earth, please watch NSW Globe Tutorial Part 1.
4. Using the NSW Globe

4.1. NSW Globe Welcome page

You have now launched the NSW Globe website. By closing this window you acknowledge and agree to the NSW Globe Terms and Conditions.

Get connected and explore

To start exploring NSW Globe visit the ‘Getting started’ tab or download the NSW Globe KML. Please ensure you are using version 7.0.2 or later of Google Earth™.

Many decisions we make involve location. Whether it’s determining the best site for a school, starting a new business venture, staging a community event, responding to an emergency, or finding our way to work, location intelligence is important.

Land and Property Information (LPI) has utilised the Google Earth™ application to provide you with free and easy access to view up to date imagery, address, terrain and boundary information through the NSW Globe.

You can also use NSW Globe to view other Government information such as census data, land values, transport routes, schools and other points of interest.

Spatial Services will continue to add NSW Government location enabled information onto NSW Globe.

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4.2. Viewing layers

When you first open the NSW Globe, in the bottom left hand corner of the screen you will find the ‘Layers’ pane. The ‘Layers’ pane contains the following:

1. The Google Earth Primary Database (expanded).
2. The NSW Globe database (collapsed).

You can expand and collapse layer menu items by clicking on the plus and minus symbols next to each layer.

To display a layer, you need to ensure that the checkbox next to the layer is checked. To disable a layer, uncheck the checkbox.
4.3. NSW Globe database

To view the layers available in the NSW Globe, collapse the Primary Database by clicking the minus symbol \( - \), and expand the New South Wales Globe database by clicking the plus symbol \( + \).

The NSW Globe contains a number of other NSW Government mapping and property data layers, as well as data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Key layers available in the NSW Globe are:

- **Land Parcel & Property** – shows property sales as well as land values throughout NSW
- **Imagery** – shows Spatial Services aerial imagery for the State of NSW
- **Transport** – enables street, road and railway layers
- **Historical** – shows historical maps, including historical aerial imagery of Sydney in 1943.
5. Viewing land values

To view land values, you need to ensure that the ‘Land Values’ layer is enabled. Expand the ‘Land Parcel & Property’ layer, then expand the ‘Land Values’ layer. Tick the checkbox next to the ‘Land Values’ layer.

5.1. Valuation information screen

To read the valuation information screen click on the ‘Valuation Information’ link as shown below.

The link will load an information screen that explains land values on the NSW Globe and its limitations.

To close the ‘Valuation Information’ screen and return to the NSW Globe, click the X button in the top right corner of the information screen.
5.2. Property markers

When the properties layer is enabled, properties will be indicated on the screen by a red marker. Hovering over the property marker will also show the property number.

When you click on a property marker, a pop up window will appear which displays the land value and other valuation information.

5.3. Pop up windows

The pop up window displays information sourced from the Register of Land Values.

This information includes:

- Property Number
- Address
- Zone
- Area
- Valuation Basis
- Land Values (for up to the past five years)
- The valuing year used for the calculation of council rates.
Pop up windows also contain links to other valuation information, such as the Valuer General’s website, land value search and property sales reports.

Sometimes the pop up window will also provide further information if the property you have selected contains:

- Concessions or allowances – where these apply, more information can be found by conducting a land value search.
- A strata development.

Some newer properties will not contain land values for the full five years.
6. Searching the NSW Globe

6.1. Search by address using Google search

The easiest way to find a property in the NSW Globe is to use the ‘Search Google’ bar located in the top left corner of the screen. To search for a property:

1. Click on ‘Search Google’ in the top left of the screen.
2. In the ‘Search’ box, enter an address.
3. Google Earth will zoom into the property and will place an icon 📍 over the property.
4. Sometimes the icon placed by the Google search will cover the property marker. To remove the Google search icon, click the X in the bottom right corner of the Google search results located under the search bar.
6.2. Search by property number

You can also search for a property using the property number. If you have a copy of your notice of valuation, you will find the property number in the top left hand corner of the notice. Notices of valuation are issued to landholders once every three to four years.

If you have a land tax assessment notice, you will find the property number in the support schedule underneath each property address. Land tax assessment notices are only issued for properties that are liable for land tax.

If you do not have a copy of your notice of valuation or your property is not land tax liable, you may not be aware of your property number and should consider using the address search functionality instead (see 6.1).
To search using your property number:

1. Select the ‘Property’ search in the top left of the screen.
2. In the Search box, enter the Property Number.
3. Hit the Enter key on your keyboard or click the ‘Search’ button. Google Earth will zoom into the property.
7. Showing part lot properties

Some land parcels contain more than one property.

1. Hovering over the property marker will change the mouse pointer to a four directional arrow $\rightarrow\leftarrow\uparrow\downarrow$.

2. Clicking on the property marker will result in all available property numbers being displayed.

3. Click on a property number to show the pop up window for that property.
8. Showing property boundaries

The NSW Globe also has the ability to display your property’s boundary. This is useful if your property contains multiple parts or is a fragmented rural landholding. To show a property boundary:

1. Search for a property and open the pop up window by clicking the property marker. In this example we searched for property number 2043437.

2. In the top right section of the pop up window, click the ‘Show boundary’ hyperlink.
3. The boundary of this property is now highlighted.

4. The property is also added to the ‘Temporary Places’ folder in the Places pane in the centre left of screen.

5. You can turn the property boundary on and off by checking and unchecking the check box next to the property number.

6. When you close Google Earth, you will be asked if you want to save the items in your ‘Temporary Places’. It is recommended that you click ‘Discard’, as this will ensure that you always have the latest property boundaries.
9. Feedback and help

To provide feedback on this user guide or your experience using land values on the NSW Globe, please email valuationenquiry@valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au.

If you require any further assistance, contact the Valuation Customer Service Centre on 1800 110 038.