

## **NOTICE TO SURVEYORS T3/2012**

All items hereunder are to be considered as special directions in relation to plans and surveys pursuant to Regulation 5 of the *Licensed Surveyors (Transfer of Land Act 1893) Regulations 1961.* 

#### MISCELLANEOUS PLAN AND SURVEY ISSUES

- 1. In Order for Dealings Notifications.
- 2. Road Name Approval Documents to be lodged with Plans at time of Lodgement.
- 3. Plan Presentation for Tree Plantations, Profit A Prendre & Carbon Rights Interests Plans.
- 4. Field Book Lodgement Process
- 5. Freehold and Strata Plan Audit Review. Trial.

The changes outlined in this notice are as a result of a business process review to identify efficiencies in the plan and document processes, to improve Landgate procedures and timeframes, for the benefit of our customers.

### 1. In Order for Dealings Notifications

This item supersedes Notice to Surveyors T1/2011 item 9. As part of the service provided to the surveying industry, Landgate notified surveyors by fax when their Deposited Plans or Strata Plans were endorsed "In Order for Dealings" (IOFD).

As of 1 September 2012, the notification of IOFD status for Plans to the lodging surveyor will be by email. The email will contain a "screen grab" of the first sheet of the plan (PDF) and the IOFD date. To facilitate this notification the email addresses of all surveying firms will be sourced from the Landgate SmartPlan database. Surveyors are requested to contact <a href="mailto:plan.reg@landgate.wa.gov.au">plan.reg@landgate.wa.gov.au</a> to ensure their firm email address is recorded correctly, as well as display the correct email address on future Plans.

As Landgate now operates in a fully electronic Plan environment, surveyors are strongly encouraged to subscribe to the Notify Me service, which is available from Landgate's Survey Channel. Subscribers to the Notify Me service will receive an email at every status change, ie. Certified Correct and sent to WAPC; WAPC Approved; IOFD, Approved. At a cost of \$2.50, Notify Me provides continuous updates on the progress of a Plan.

# 2. Road Name Approval Documents to be lodged with Plans at time of Lodgement.

As you are aware, new roads created on a Plan requires a name approved by Landgate (Geographic Names Committee) on behalf of the Minister for Lands. It is essential that the road names are approved prior to lodging the plan at Landgate.

As of 1 September 2012, all lodging parties are required to include all relevant road name approval documents at the time of lodgement of the Plan, where the plan contains a new road or road extension.

Note: This direction will be included in Chapter 9.24 in the January 2013 edition of the Survey and Plan Practice Manual. Surveyor's Report version 2.16 to be amended to add an item regarding Road Name Approval.

# 3. Plan Presentation for Tree Plantations, Profit A Prendre & Carbon Rights Interests Plans.

Notices to Surveyors T6/2004 and T4/2005 instructed surveyors to prepare these deposited plans in accordance with the requirements for the "Interest Only" plans as described with examples in the Survey and Plan Practice manual.

As of 1 September 2012 the Deposited "Interest Only" Plans and CSD files lodged for these interests, are to show all tree belts within the same lot as having the same label. Thereby linking all tree belts (polygons) to the one label (interest) within a lot. Please refer to the revised Plan Example 90 from the Survey and Plan Practice Manual attached to this notice and to be included in the next update of this Manual.

Note: This direction will be included in Chapters 14.28 and 14.20 in the January 2013 edition of the Survey and Plan Practice Manual.

### 4. Field Book Lodgement Process

Field Book (field record) lodgement has now been transferred to the Survey Inspection team to allow for all field books to be perused (and where necessary audited) by an Inspecting Surveyor, as an integral component of monitoring to ensure the stability of the survey cadastre and support the reduced plan auditing.

Part of this transfer of function involved a detailed analysis of the administrative processes involved in field book lodgement. Landgate still require the self assessment lodgement sheet as an essential component of the lodgement process, with respect to an accurate description of the survey(s) recorded in the field book. We have determined that a return email process is a reasonable receipt of field book lodgement, as the email includes the field book number and the date and time.

In addition, we request Licensed Surveyors to consider, and where at all possible, make each field book (field record) the subject of one Freehold or Strata survey. This will assist our cross-indexing, auditing and inspection. Multiple discrete re-pegs and spike protection surveys are welcome in a single field book.

#### 5. Freehold and Strata Plan Audit Trial

Landgate Registrations plan audit resources are being refocussed to process the plans lodged in the shortest possible time. Accordingly, we are trialling a modification of our plan audit procedures to reduce our time input per plan while maintaining the integrity of the Land Titles Register.

There currently is a significant focus, and therefore time and professional effort spent, on presentation and other plan elements that are not material to the integrity of the plan in its role supporting new titles in the Register. It is appropriate to recognise the skill of the practising Licensed Surveyor (who signs the plan), and not expend Landgate effort recommending unnecessary improvements to already satisfactory plans. In the six months January to June 2012, 33% of plans audited were requisitioned for various types of errors, with less than 1.5% of plans having errors assessed as high criticality (having a risk to the Register or the stability of the survey cadastre).

The strata plan audit, freehold plan audit and SSA plan audit teams will trial the new procedures for three months from 1 September 2012. A decision on the implementation of new plan audit procedures will be made by the Registrar of Titles after the trial.

JEAN VILLANI REGISTRAR OF TITLES

28 August 2012

### **SURVEYOR'S REPORT**

[Select plan type and enter plan number]

	SURVEY	Y	,	N/	Α
1.1	Deferred final marking survey with conditional approval. (copy of approval attached)	I	Ī	I	Ī
1.2	Survey includes a geodetic connection pursuant to general regulation 22A.	I	ī	ı	I
1.3	Special Survey (eg limited marking) with conditional approval. (copy of approval attached)	I	ī	ı	I
1.4	SSA subdivision fully marked before plan lodgement. (No FSC required)	I	I	I	ī
1.5	Advice on matters relating to boundary alignments has been received from LANDGATE officer.	ı		ı	
	(insert name of the person that provided advice) ON (dd/mm/yy)		<u> </u>		1
	INTENTION OF PLAN				
2.1	Plan conforms with the intended conveyancing outcome.	ı	I		
2.2	The "Schedule of Interests and Notifications" has been checked and is complete and correct.	ı	I	I	I
2.3	The following easements, covenants or other interests are to be  I I merged I I varied I I modified	I	I	i	I
	I I surrended I I other				
2.4					_
2.4	New Road/Road Extension created on Plan and Road Name Approval document lodged	I	<u> </u>	I	<u> </u>
2.5	The following registration actions will occur for this "Interest Only" plan:	I	ı	I	ı
2.6	is to be "Cancelled" and superseded by this new plan.  (Note that consents may be required in some situations)	-	ı	ı	ı
2.7	The subject land includes a strata/survey-strata scheme which is to be		_		_
	I I modified I I terminated	I	<u> </u>	I	<u> </u>
2.8	Advice on matters relating to this plan has been received from a LANDGATE officer.  The advice was related to: (insert reference number and nature of advice below)	ı	I	I	I
	Advice provided by on (dd/mm/yy)  (insert name of the person that provided advice and the date the advice was given)  TIMING AND OTHER ISSUES TO NOTE				
3.1	Release Letter will be lodged with LANDGATE on the (dd/mm/yy)			ı	$\overline{}$
	WAPC approval for the strata plan has been delegated to the Local Government	I	I	ı	I
(Note that plans released by Landgate to WAPC for endorsement will not be accepted by Dept. of Planning until a Form 1C with all clearances has been lodged. In the case of disputed clearances, applicants are advised to submit a letter to WAPC requesting clearance of conditions)					as
3.2	For Interest Only plan - Expected dealing date is (dd/mm/yy)			I	I
3.3	This freehold plan involves Crown (State) Land.	ı	I	I	I
	Crown Conveyancing actions are	ı	I	ı	I
	Advice provided by SLS Officer on (dd/mm/yy)				
3.4	This Deposited Plan is a plan for Acquisition Purposes	ı	ī	I	I
3.5	Forms lodged with strata/survey-strata plan:  Y N Form 3				dged
	Licensed Surveyor Date (dd/mm/yy)				

Insert Contact Details:

