

NOTICE TO SURVEYORS T1/2000

NEW SINGLE PLAN FORMAT

A significant improvement to the survey plan format is about to be introduced in Western Australia. DOLA in conjunction with representatives of the Surveying profession have developed a new plan format for Crown and Freehold surveys. The new format will provide greater flexibility for Surveyors and address a number of concerns that have previously been raised by the Surveying profession. The removal of the sketch from certificates of title and improved parcel identification under the proposed “SmartRegister” (SMR) electronic land titling system will increase the role of the survey plan in Western Australia’s land registration process. The new plans will be referred to as “Deposited Plans”.

The main features of the new formats include;

- Plans limited to sizes A3 and A2. The A1 plan size for Crown surveys will not be accepted after 1 October 2000.
- A plan is to include a reference to its “type” and “purpose”. Plan types may be either Crown or Freehold. Allowable plan purposes include;
 - Subdivision
 - Acquisition
 - Crown Land Amalgamation
 - Road
 - Road Closure
 - Vesting in the Crown
 - Conversion
 - Redefinition
 - Easement
 - Statutory
- To assist on-line viewing of images of the plans the new forms are in landscape view and include borders. The new formats have two alternative title block positions – either right side or bottom of the plan.
- A new format for plans involving multiple sheets. Sheets are to be individually numbered and a form with a minimised title block must be used for sheets following

the first cover sheet. Where possible the number of sheets should be limited to less than 5 but the need for clarity is paramount.

- Plans are to be given “version” numbers to assist in the tracking of changes. Plans will also include an “edition” number but this will remain as “1” up to the point of plan approval by DOLA. Changes to the plan after its approval will increment the edition number.
- The limitations on the orientation of Crown plans have been removed. They may now be drafted in the same manner as Freehold plans.
- The “total area” of the subject need not be shown on the new plan form but the information is still required in the CSD file as the area of the surround polygon. This information is required for audit purposes.

The introduction of the new plan format is to commence on 1 July 2000. Stocks of the new forms should be available from the State Law Publisher within 4 weeks. Surveyors wishing to use the new format may do so as soon as stocks are available. A three month transition period will apply from 1 July 2000 to allow for the processing of surveys already drafted on the current plan forms.

Electronic versions of the masks (ie. DWG or DGN files) can be obtained on request by contacting Eric Horlin by phone on 9273 7423 or via e-mail on eric_horlin@dola.wa.gov.au.

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