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**REGISTRAR AND COMMISSIONER OF TITLES JOINT PRACTICE: VERIFICATION OF IDENTITY
INCLUSION OF TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

Consultation on the Registrar and Commissioner of Titles Joint Practice: Verification of Identity, Consultation Draft 12 March 2012 (“the Practice”) closed on 27 April 2012. In total, 25 submissions from a range of stakeholders have been received. Thank you to all those who provided submissions.

The submissions indicate that there is general support and acknowledgement of the need to introduce verification of identity with respect to land transactions. While this is positive feedback, comments received have indicated that the proposed Practice is too prescriptive and onerous in its requirements. In response to the concerns raised, we are reviewing and revising the Practice.

The Practice will be revised to provide for a transitional implementation period. It is proposed to establish a 6 month window between 1 July 2012 and 2 January 2013 where industry members will be able to incrementally commence complying with the Practice, as and when they have established the means to meet the requirements. The expectation will be that all documents lodged on or after 2 January 2013 will comply with the Practice.

There will also be other changes to the Practice and a revised version will be released as soon as possible.

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