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REMINDER: THE VERIFICATION OF IDENTITY PRACTICE – FRAUD MITIGATION STRATEGY

We are pleased with the announcement by the WA Police and Department of Commerce on 15 August 2013 regarding the arrest of a person in Nigeria in connection with an attempted fraudulent sale of a property in Western Australia.

This is a timely reminder to conveyancers and other property professionals and to those transacting in land that with vigilance, together, we can reduce fraud in land titles. We are aware that there are at least four thwarted attempts at land title fraud in WA since the increased awareness of verification of identity requirements.

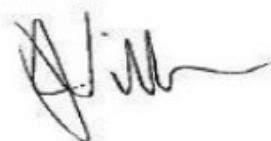
Landgate, the Registrar and the Commissioner of Titles urge the property industry to continue implementing the Verification of Identity Practice. The fraudsters have not disappeared due to one arrest and your diligence in carrying out a high standard of identity verification is a critical step to ensure we minimise the risk of land related fraud in Western Australia.

The Western Australian Registrar and Commissioner of Titles Joint Practice: Verification of Identity ('the Practice') is designed to strengthen the WA land titles system and to reduce the opportunity for successful land title fraud as a result of identity theft or other improper dealings. It is designed to protect the integrity of our land titles Register, which is important to us all.

You can find the Practice at Chapter 14 in the [Land Titles Registration Practice Manual](#) or visit [Landgate's website](#) which includes information for [Self-Represented Parties](#). A number of Customer Information Bulletins about the Practice have also been published and can be found [here](#).

There is also an online list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) which may be of assistance. Alternatively questions about the Practice can be directed to a Landgate Customer Services Officer on 9273 7341 or 1300 556 224 or email vojpractice@landgate.wa.gov.au

Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.



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