NOTICE TO SURVEYORS T2/2003

SUBDIVISION PROCESSES

On 19 September 2002 the Land Surveyors Licensing Board approved new guidelines for surveys and plans for **all** new developments involving more than 10 serviced lots where new roads are created. The guidelines are referred to as Survey Practice Guidelines for Subdivisions Within Special Survey Areas (SSA guidelines). These guidelines apply to Crown, freehold and survey-strata developments and can be accessed on the Board website at http://www.lslb.wa.gov.au/ssa_guidelines.html.

The Board have repealed the guidelines for urban subdivisions under Regulations 55A-55F, commonly referred to as the "Early Issue Guidelines".

This notice describes the two different processes of land development that can now be used for Crown and freehold subdivisions. One is known as the "Special Survey Area" (SSA) process and the other is now known as the "Normal" process (formerly referred to as "Fastrack").

The SSA process allows for a plan based on calculated dimensions to be lodged at DOLA before any lot corners have been marked. General regulations 55A to 55F also specifically apply to the SSA process however no fieldbook recording referencing is lodged.

The Normal process requires full marking (including referencing in accordance with the regulations) of the survey prior to lodgement of the plan at DOLA. The normal process would normally be used only for small urban developments and most rural subdivisions. Where marks are likely to be destroyed by site works, road construction or servicing the SSA process should be used.

In the title block of each plan, near the heading, there is an "Early Issue Yes/No" section. It is important that surveyors cross out the appropriate word (ie. cross out "yes" for "Normal" subdivisions or cross out "no" where the SSA guidelines have been followed). This will ensure the plan proceeds through the correct channels at DOLA. SSA plans must also include the annotations specified in the SSA guidelines.

From 1 February 2003, DOLA will not accept plans based on calculated dimensions unless the SSA guidelines have been complied with.

SPECIAL SURVEY AREA	NORMAL
Surround survey required	Re-establishment of only relevant alignments in accordance with the regulations
Control Survey(s) related to surround survey required	Control survey optional
Connections to geodetic network required	Connections to geodetic network required in accordance with general regulation 22A
Plan lodged at DOLA. Full marking after site works and lot services	Full marking required before plan lodgement at DOLA (reference marks must be safe from disturbance).

The following table lists the main differences between the two processes.

installed. The "Deferred Marking" option can be used for fully bonded developments *	Limited marking or deferred referencing options are available*
Lot detail not required in fieldbook	Full lot detail and referencing required in fieldbook
Non-standard marking included on Survey Sheet(s) added to plan	Non-standard marking included on plan prior to lodgement
Plan "Survey Sheets" and eFB required following final control survey and marking	Final pegging and referencing if approval to defer referencing was granted *
Final Survey Certificate (FSC) or Release Letter (with FSC to follow) required for DOLA to release plan to WAPC**	Release Letter required for DOLA to release plan to WAPC
FSC, Survey Sheet(s) and WAPC approval required before plan placed "In Order For Dealings" (IOFD)**	WAPC approval required before plan placed "In Order For Dealings" (IOFD)

* Regulation 26A approval from the IPS for limited or deferred marking/referencing required before plan lodged at DOLA.

** Where the Deferred Final Marking option is used then plan sent to WAPC on receipt of an Initial Survey Certificate (ISC) or a release letter (with ISC to follow), and plan placed IOFD following WAPC approval – refer SSA guidelines.

Extracts from plans lodged as pilot SSA subdivisions are attached as examples to indicate what information is to be depicted on such plans. Note that the depiction of truncation setbacks and the numbering of the control marks in the examples may not be consistent with the current guidelines.

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