SPEAR

Surveying and Planning through Electronic Applications and Referrals

SPEAR Release Notes

Release 4.4

The following functional changes to SPEAR have been included in Release 4.4:

	Users Impacted	Feature	Description
1.	Applicant Contact Lodging Party	SPEAR electronic lodgement **CR4233**	This change introduces new features and process improvements to the SPEAR Electronic Lodgment Network (ELN) functionality: • Volume/folios entered by the lodging party will be validated to ensure they exist and are electronically tradeable. They are also checked to ensure they are nominated (if required) prior to lodgement. • Data entered into SPEAR is packaged as an electronic instrument and digitally signed. • Once submitted, Land Use Victoria (LUV) will conduct a pre-lodgement check to ensure the application is fit to be lodged. If successful, lodging parties will be notified of the estimated lodgement fee and can proceed to pay and lodge. • Credit card lodgement fee payments are now processed online by Westpac Secure Payments. A direct debit payment option is also available. Lodgement fees cannot be paid by cheque. • At the time of lodgement, the electronic instruments are validated and then automatically lodged into the Victorian Online Titles System (VOTS). A lodgement summary is provided immediately in SPEAR. • If the Applicant Contact has provided an ePlan, the volume/folios will be pre-populated onto the application lodgement form. The above enhancements also affect lodgement of boundary plans in SPEAR. LUV will shortly begin a SPEAR ELN pilot with a small number of lodging parties. Pending a successful pilot, the system will be made available to all lodging parties in the second half of 2017.
2.	All Users	Allow users to access broadcast messages after they have been acknowledged **CR4611**	Broadcast message functionality has been improved to give users more flexible options to access and acknowledge broadcast messages: • When presented with a new broadcast message, users can acknowledge the message by either selecting 'I have read this message, do not display again' or 'Remind me tomorrow'. • Users can view a list of all active broadcast messages, even if they have been acknowledged, by clicking on a new hyperlink in the header section of the Application List screen.

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3.	Applicant Contact	Allow requisitioned surveyors to correct watermarks before submission to LV **CR4505**	Applicant Contacts can now benefit from an enhanced requisition process: • Requisitioned documents can be modified or rotated by the Applicant Contact until the 'Submit Requested Documents to LV' is completed. This will allow surveyors to check their requisitioned plans/watermarks after signing and further modify if required prior to submitting the documents to LUV. **Note: For plans that have not been lodged, the Applicant Contact can modify or rotate the requisitioned documents until the 'Release for Lodgement at LV' action is completed.** • The rotate option has been enhanced to allow multiple page numbers and/or page ranges (separated by commas) to be rotated together. For example, the Applicant Contact can now rotate pages 1, 3, 5-12 at once, instead of performing separate page rotations.
4.	ePlan enabled Applicant Contact	ePlan changes for SPEAR Release 4.4 **CR4566**	The ePlan Visualiser has been enhanced to display additional information on the visualised ePlan PDF: • SPEAR now watermarks unregistered ePlan PDFs with the text 'This plan is unregistered and may be subject to change.' This watermark will be displayed in the registration panel (bottom right hand corner) of the plan PDF returned by the ePlan Visualiser. • For Applicant Contacts using the ePlan Public Services to visualise an ePlan, the Applicant Contact logo will be displayed on the plan PDF returned by the ePlan Visualiser if the user is logged into SPEAR.
5.	A2A	A2A usability and support improvements **CR4599**	This change is to enhance the A2A customer support functionality within SPEAR: • A2A administrators can now select the date and time on the A2A log screen using a calendar widget. • A new A2A health check page has been created to allow A2A customers to view web service methods successfully called. • A new notifications page has been created to allow A2A customers to manually acknowledge notifications. • Obsolete documents will no longer be supplied via A2A web services. This only affects A2A partners using obsolete documents, such as the obsolete request for further information document.