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**SPEAR**

Surveying and Planning through Electronic Applications and Referrals



**SPEAR Release Notes**

**Release 5.17**

The following functional changes to SPEAR have been included in Release 5.17:

|  | **Users Impacted** | **Feature** | **Description** |
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|  | Responsible authorities, applicant contacts | Changes to planning permit extension process - CR 5899-1 | When extending a planning permit in SPEAR, responsible authorities are now prompted to provide an updated planning permit containing details of the extension, in accordance with the amendments made in October 2024 to the *Planning and Environment Regulations 2015*. This requirement applies to all planning permit extensions – those initiated in SPEAR by the applicant contact, as well as those received outside of SPEAR and subsequently uploaded to SPEAR by the responsible authority. A separate document containing details of the assessment is no longer supplied during the planning permit extension process, but responsible authorities can still choose to add comments as per the current functionality. Responsible authorities that wish to provide a separate document detailing their assessment (in addition to the updated planning permit and the optional comments) can use ‘Other Document Type.’ |
|  | Applicant contacts, Land Use Victoria | ePlan schema change to support prior survey- CR 5880-2 | The ePlan schema has been updated to support the changes in ePlan Release 4.1.0. For more information, please refer to the ePlan Release Notes – 15 August 2025.<https://www.spear.land.vic.gov.au/spear/pages/eplan/about/eplan-release-notes.shtml>  |