

SPEAR News

Surveying and Planning through Electronic Applications and Referrals

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Commercialisation of land registry functions

The Victorian Government has decided to commercialise land titles and registry functions of Land Use Victoria (LUV), which is recognised as a market leader in the delivery of these key services. The commercialisation is intended to deliver better services to the public through continued investment in information technology systems and customer interfaces.

Key functions and powers will be retained by the State. The State will also continue to own the land registry data and provide the State Guarantee of title to ensure the integrity, security and availability of registry services and systems are maintained.

For more information see the Treasurer's media release of 7 March 2018 at <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/land-use-victoria-proceeds-to-deliver-infrastructure-boost/>.

Improved timeframes for registering subdivision plans of 10 or more lots

On 3 April 2018, Land Use Victoria implemented a revised process for registering subdivision plans of 10 or more lots. The changes to the process follow recent consultation with stakeholders.

Under the new process, the target registration time for subdivision plans containing 10 lots or more will be five

business days instead of the standard target registration time of 15 days from lodgment.

However, a lodged plan of 10 or more lots will lose its accelerated status and be subject to the standard registration time frames if it requires any of the following:

- Re-certification
- Consent to an amendment by council
- Answers to any other requisitions or any other amendments to the plan or associated documents not satisfied within 48 hours.

Forty-eight hours is the equivalent of two business days. For example, if a requisition is sent on Friday at 3pm the plan will lose its accelerated status at 3.01pm the following Tuesday.

If a plan with 10 lots or more is reliant upon a leader plan or dealing to be processed please notify subdivision.branch@delwp.vic.gov.au of the relevant details after the 10 lots or more plan has been lodged at LUV.

Stakeholder engagement

National surveyors conference

Mark Briffa, Manager Electronic Subdivisions Unit, and Susannah Maley, SPEAR Customer Services Coordinator, participated in the Surveying 2018 conference in Sydney on 22 March 2018.

Susannah (pictured) gave an overview of the development, implementation and stakeholder engagement challenges faced by the SPEAR team in rolling out the system in Victoria to key stakeholder

groups – surveyors, councils, referral authorities and lodging parties.

The conference was well attended by New South Wales surveyors who were keen to discuss various aspects of the system. It was also pleasing to see many Victorian surveyors in attendance.



SPEAR User Group meetings

User group meetings were held during March and April 2018 in Melbourne, Ararat, Benalla, Traralgon and Warrnambool.

Topics discussed included the SPEAR Electronic Lodgment Network, 100% digital lodgment – all transactions to be lodged electronically by 1 August 2019, the ePlan Pilot and updates on activities in the Office of the Surveyor-General and Office of Geographic Names.

Visit the SPEAR website to view the meetings' presentations at www.spear.land.vic.gov.au >About >News and events>User Group Meetings.

ePlan

ePlan Pilot group

The ePlan Pilot commenced on 1 March 2018 with 21 surveying firms: Absolute Surveying, Berry & Whyte Surveyors, Beveridge Williams, Bosco Jonson, Chris Smith & Associates, Digital Land Surveys, JH Surveying, KLM, Land Management Surveys (Shepparton), Nobelius Land Surveyors, Peak Survey Developments, Reeds Consulting, Smith Land Surveyors, Spiire, Steve Palmer Surveys, SMEC, SPATIAL WORKS, Taylors, TGM Group, Tomkinson Group and Walpole Surveying.

Four training workshops have been held with pilot participants willing to use the Stringer ePlan application. Participants interested in using LISTECH Neo are waiting for the Beta version of the application to be available for testing.

Surveying Firm	ePlan as of 1 May 2018
Absolute Surveying	4
Berry & Whyte Surveyors	3
Digital Land Surveys	1
JH Surveying	1
Land Management Surveys (Shepparton)	3
SMEC	1
Total	13

ePlans submitted by pilot group participants

National ePlan working group

National ePlan working group members from Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania, Northern Territory and New Zealand met in Adelaide on 9 -10 April for the first face-to-face meeting of 2018.

This was an opportunity for members to review the progress of the ePlan Visualisation Enhancement Tool and the storage of registered ePlan in an Oracle Database in Victoria, Singapore's digital lodgment portal, South Australia's digital cadastral data management and 3D digital cadastre investigations in the various jurisdictions.

Locate18 conference

Dr Hamed Olfat, ePlan Coordinator, presented 'An Overview of the ePlan Journey with a Focus on the Victorian ePlan 2025 Roadmap' at the Locate18 conference held in Adelaide from 10-12 April 2018.

Hamed reviewed the implementation of ePlan in Australian jurisdictions, New Zealand and Singapore. He then demonstrated the ePlan services currently available in SPEAR and concluded with an overview of the Victorian ePlan Roadmap which extends to 2025. The presentation is available [here](#).



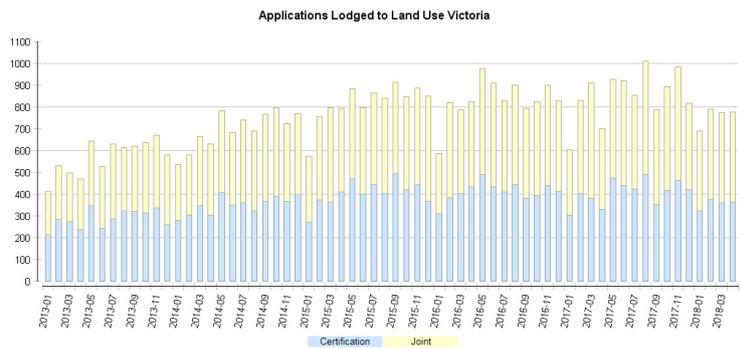
100% digital lodgment

In line with Land Use Victoria's 100% digital lodgment strategy, the following plans will be included in future SPEAR releases to enable all plans to be lodged through the SPEAR system by 1 August 2019:

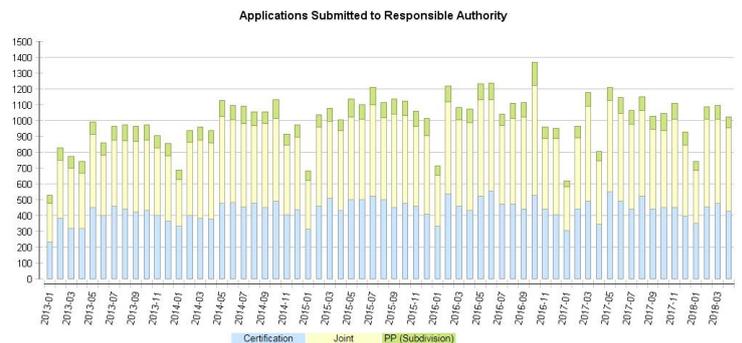
- *Transfer of Land Act 1958*
 - Section 45, creation of easement
 - Section 88(2), application to record an acquisition of easement
 - Section 72, application to record an easement
- *Subdivision Act 1988*
 - Section 38B, amend Scheme of Development (Owners Corporation)
 - Section 38C, amend Scheme of Development (Lot Owner)
- *Local Government Act 1989*
 - Section 207D, transfer of closed road
 - Section 207E, road exchange
- Other
 - *Major Transport Project Facilitation Act 2009*
 - Supporting plan document (miscellaneous plan to support any non-SPEAR dealing)

Monthly statistics

All 79 councils are signed up to SPEAR, as well as 211 surveying firms (388 licensed surveyors) and 54 referral authorities. There are currently more than 4000 registered users of the system.



Applications lodged to Land Use Victoria from January 2013 to April 2018



Applications submitted to Responsible Authority from January 2013 to April 2018

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