

SPEAR

Surveying and Planning through Electronic Applications and Referrals



SPEAR Release Notes

Release 4.3

The following functional changes to SPEAR have been included in Release 4.3:

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| 1. | All users | General usability enhancements CR4001 | <p>A number of usability enhancements have been developed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The primary parcel address is now included on the printable version of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Manage conditions ○ Advertising requirements ○ Responsible Authority reference numbers ○ Confirm 32AI declaration • Secondary navigation buttons (such as <u>Cancel</u> and <u>Return</u>) are now shown as hyperlinks across SPEAR • The column upon which the Application List is sorted when a user first logs into SPEAR is now shown • Signing users are redirected to sign immediately after completing a Certification / SOC decision |
| 2. | All users | Application file note functionality CR4507 | <p>Users are able to add file notes to an application by using the Notes tab:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes are entered as text and displayed in a log format • Notes can be viewed by everyone within that organisation • Only the user that added a note can delete it • An icon is displayed when another user within the organisation has added a new note • For responsible authorities with internal referral authorities, both the Responsible Authority and internal Referral Authority users can view the notes |
| 3. | All Signing Users | Redevelop the SPEAR signing applet | <p>A new signing process has been developed due to Google removing Chrome support for NPAPI plugins (including Java) and Mozilla planning to do the same for Firefox in late-2016.</p> |

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| | | CR4446 | <p>The new signing process no longer uses the Java browser plugin, instead allowing the user to download a single-use signing file and run it locally on their computer. This ensures that signing works in all browsers, and should also reduce the number of Java-related issues experienced by users.</p> <p>NOTE: Although the browser plugin is no longer used, signing functionality still requires Java to be installed.</p> |
| 4. | Applicant Contacts and Land Victoria | <p>Supplementary Abstract of Field Records enhancements</p> <p>CR4504</p> | <p>Supplementary Abstracts of Field Records (SAFR) will now receive the same watermarks as the Abstract of Field Records. As a result, Applicant Contacts will need to specify the date of survey. The question 'Do you require SPEAR to watermark the Certification by Surveyor panel? (Select 'No' if you are using an older template)' will also be displayed, consistent with the Abstract of Field Records screen.</p> <p>In accordance with requirements under the <i>Surveying (Cadastral Surveys) Regulations 2015</i>, the due date for SAFRs has been extended to 45 days after the completion of works. In addition to a notification on the due date, a reminder will be sent a week prior and every week following this due date.</p> |
| 5. | Referral Authority and Responsible Authority | <p>Improve s.57C referral process</p> <p>CR4506</p> | <p>SPEAR will now ensure that the first planning permit referral to each authority is a s.55 referral, regardless of whether the application (including plan) has been amended. s.57C referrals will now only apply if the Referral Authority had been previously referred to by council under s.55 and the application has been amended.</p> |
| 6. | Applicant Contacts | <p>ePlan changes for SPEAR Release 4.3 including supporting</p> | <p>Enhancements to ePlan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability for Applicant Contacts to submit Boundary Plans in ePlan format • The ability to filter the Application List to show or omit applications with an ePlan (SPEAR Service Desk |

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| | | Boundary Plans CR4483 | only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A notification to the ePlan team when a new ePlan has been created so they can assist with any issues • Removal of the 'Plan with Survey' option from the ePlan services, as the functionality is not fully supported in SPEAR at this time • A link to the Data Viewer on the Lodgement Screen to allow plan examiners to access it more easily |
| 7. | Applicant Contacts | ePlan validation and schema changes CR4482 | In support of additional plan types (eg Boundary Plans) and general improvement of ePlan validation to aid the pre-lodgement checking and examination processes, changes to the ePlan schema and validation rules have been identified and implemented as part of this CR. |
| 8. | Applicant Contacts | Add support for displaying ePlan labels within LASSI-SPEAR CR4431 | SPEAR now advises LASSI-SPEAR when an ePlan application has reached the status of 'Registered at Land Victoria'. LASSI-SPEAR will then highlight the survey labels that have associated ePlans with an 'e' on the map base and on the document download tab. This will be available at the end of Aril 2016, to coincide with the LASSI release. |
| 9. | A2A partners | Enhancements to SPEAR A2A web services CR4554 | Enhancements to SPEAR's A2A web services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new council web service to accept or reject an application - <i>LxSpearApplicationAcceptance</i>. This web service allows council to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept or reject an application (if rejecting, a document is required) • Add their reference numbers • Assign the designated contact person for the application • Set the VicSmart status of the application (PP and Joint only) • The Referral Document ID has been added to the response provided for the <i>LxSpearReferral_4_3</i> web service. This allows the Referral Authority to retrieve the response document they have just provided |

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| | | | <p>without having to perform a new search on the application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Versions of the referral and document web services <i>LxSpearReferral_4_3</i> and <i>LxSpearDocument_4_3</i> have been created with the CDATA tags removed from the base64 of the PDF document attachments. This was specifically requested by South East Water but can be used by other A2A partners if they choose to. <p>NOTE: All current services are still supported; existing A2A partners do not need to change anything with this release.</p> |