

SPEAR News

Surveying and Planning through Electronic Applications and Referrals
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SPEAR Electronic Lodgment Network pilot commences

The SPEAR Electronic Lodgment Network (ELN) pilot with lodging parties commenced on 29 May 2017. The first lodgment was successfully submitted on day one by Leon Wilson from Melbourne City Council; council has lodged six to date.

To mark this significant milestone, Leon was interviewed on his thoughts on the SPEAR ELN.

Q: Why did council decide to join the pilot?

A: Melbourne City Council joined the pilot as we are moving to electronic lodgement of all applications and supporting other organisations undertaking electronic lodgement. Electronic lodgement allows applications to be lodged when they're ready, even outside of traditional business hours.

Q: How did you find the sign-up process?

A: The sign-up process was very easy; council already uses SPEAR to process subdivision applications.

Q: What support did you need to submit your initial lodgements?

A: The process is very intuitive so no support was required.

Q: What was your overall experience with your first lodgement?

A: Excellent, it only took a few minutes to lodge and get a receipt.

Q: Would you recommend other councils signing up?

A: Yes, it saves time and confirmation is provided that the application is lodged. Combined with electronic titles lodged through PEXA as part of the application, it ensures nothing is lost during the process or returned to an incorrect party. Everything is electronic and sustainable.

Q: What other future benefits do you see?

A: Knowing the status of the application while it is examined for registration.



Leon Wilson

The lodging party pilot group consists of the following organisations:

- City of Melbourne
- Geelong Conveyancing
- GLN Conveyancing Services
- Harwood Andrews
- Macquarie Local Government Lawyers
- Tisher Liner FC Law

The pilot will run for a six-month period and, pending a successful pilot, will be made available to all lodging parties.

Land Use Victoria is moving in August

Land Use Victoria is progressively moving throughout August to 2 Lonsdale Street Melbourne.

The SPEAR team will be located on Level 9, 2 Lonsdale Street from Monday 28 August. See Land Use Victoria's [Contact us](#) page for further information.

Please note: existing phone numbers will continue to work for a short period of time in our new location – customers will be notified of new phone numbers as soon as they are available.

ePlan

Visualisation Enhancement Tool

A new service has been developed to support the visualisation of an ePlan LandXML file that generates the plan PDF in SPEAR. The Visualisation Enhancement Tool (VET), developed in collaboration with the University of Melbourne, enables surveyors to enhance a plan's presentation using the following main functions:

- adjust labels and arrows
- create enlargement diagrams
- define sheets
- define exaggerations.

The Beta version of this tool became available in SPEAR on 9 June and its development continues. It is anticipated that VET will play a key role in increasing the uptake of ePlan in Victoria.

ePlan Engagement Program update

An ePlan Engagement Program is offered to surveying firms by Land Use Victoria, together with the ongoing technological development of ePlan services in SPEAR to fully support implementation. This provides firms with opportunities to understand processes that create ePlans. It also gives LUV the understanding of business practices adopted by surveyors in their current plan creation processes. Since 2016, LUV have engaged with twenty-four surveying firms.

To support surveyors to create ePlans, LUV will continue the ePlan Engagement Program and schedule ePlan group workshops in the latter half of this year.

Stakeholder engagement activities

Institution of Surveyors Victoria Surveying Expo

The ePlan team attended the Institution of Surveyors Victoria (ISV) Expo on 14 July at Encore in St Kilda. The event was well attended by the surveying profession. Mark Briffa, Manager Electronic Subdivisions Unit, and Dr Hamed Olfat, ePlan Coordinator, presented updates on ePlan and SPEAR activities at the event. The ePlan team also demonstrated ePlan's services at the ISV Expo Trade Display.



Dr Davood Shojaei, Mark Briffa and Dr Hamed Olfat at the ISV Expo Trade Display

Tom Champion, ISV President, acknowledged the ePlan team's recent strategy to engage with surveyors. This engagement ensures that the visualisation of ePlans continues to rapidly develop towards a standard of plan presentation to which surveyors and the Victorian community are accustomed. The engagement also enables the ePlan team to increasingly promote to the surveying profession the many benefits of ePlan's collected data.



Mark Briffa presenting at ISV Surveying Expo

National ePlan Working Group

Craig Sandy, the recently appointed Surveyor-General of Victoria, was also recently appointed Chairman of the national ePlan Working Group by the Intergovernmental Committee on the Cadastre and Mapping (ICSM). The ePlan Working Group and Victoria's ePlan team look forward to working with Craig. The next ePlan Working Group meeting will be held in Perth in October.

Monthly statistics

All 79 councils are signed up to SPEAR, as well as 201 surveying firms (374 licensed surveyors) and 54 referral authorities. There are currently more than 4100 registered users of the system.

	BP	OP	RE	TLA
Jan 17	8	32	297	19
Feb 17	9	45	282	23
Mar 17	5	57	310	35
Apr 17	8	18	340	22
May 17	10	51	336	31
Jun 17	14	35	302	33
Total	54	238	1867	163

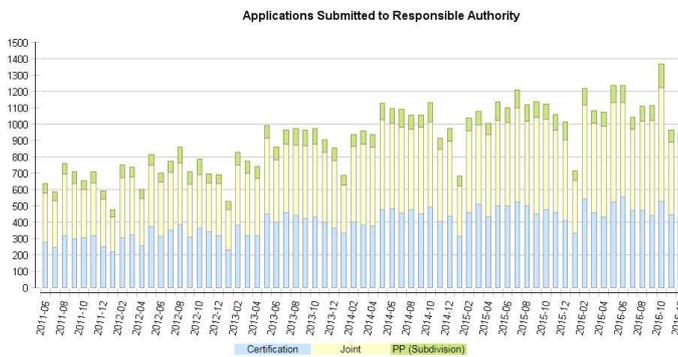
Boundary plans, Office of Surveyor-General applications, notice of re-establishment and Transfer of Land Act (TLA) applications submitted per month

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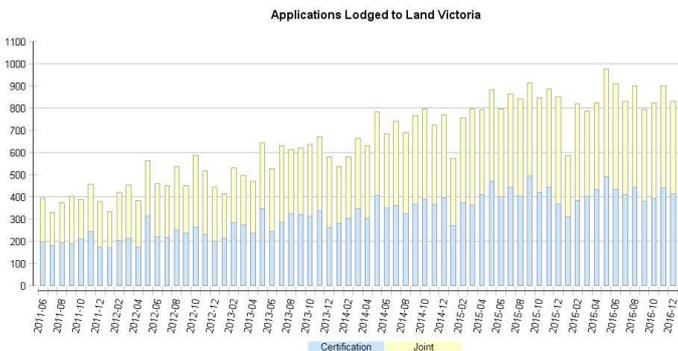
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Applications submitted to Responsible Authority from June 2011 to June 2017



Applications lodged to LUV from June 2011 to June 2017

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