



REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Office of the Registrar-General: Land Titles Office - Titles Production - Births, Deaths and Marriages - General Registry

This newsletter provides general information for clients of the Registrar-General's Office in respect of services provided by the staff, and developments in legislation administered by the Office.

The purpose of this newsletter is to give you a brief update on the current timetable for the forthcoming legislative amendments and other recent developments in the Office.

COMMENCEMENT OF LAND TITLE ACT 2000 AND LAW OF PROPERTY ACT

Following consultation with the Registrar-General's Consultative Group, it has been decided that these Acts will now commence on 1 December 2000. The consequential amendment bills that were debated in the August Sittings of the Legislative Assembly have now been passed. Staff in the Office are currently in the process of preparing the regulations for the two acts.

AVAILABILITY OF NEW PANEL FORMS

To assist in the transition to the *Land Title Act 2000* the new panel forms for use under the Act will be made available in electronic format. At the moment all commonly used new forms have been completed and are available via disk at a cost recovery rate or via e-mail at no cost. Please contact Wendy Endenburg on telephone 89 997211 or via e-mail at wendy.endenburg@nt.gov.au

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR NEW ACT

The Office will soon be conducting training sessions for various industry groups. The training will be tailored in conjunction with individual industry bodies to meet industry needs. Keep an eye out for further information in the forthcoming month.

RENOVATIONS

We would like to take the opportunity to thank clients for their patience and understanding during

the recent renovations. Welcome to staff & clients of the Public Trustee's Office.

GST – THE NEW TAX SYSTEM

The Australian Business Number for the NT Government is 84 085 734 992. Only certain service fees in the Births, Deaths and Marriages and Public Trustee's Offices are taxable. All Land Titles Office fees are exempt from GST. For a more detailed summary of the changes to fees please contact Wendy Endenburg on 89997211.

CLIENT SURVEY

Thankyou to clients who recently participated in the client survey conducted in June 2000. The survey indicated that 93 percent of clients rate the efficiency and timeliness of service and overall quality of the products and services of the Registrar-General's Office as high. This response reflected an improvement of 5 percent in the area of efficiency and timeliness and a 7 percent improvement in quality of products over the previous year.

USE OF AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS NUMBERS (ABN) ON PANEL FORMS

We have been advised that as from 29 May 2000, Companies with an ABN can use it in place of their ACN on all public documents and negotiable instruments. This is on the condition that, the ABN includes the company's ACN as the last nine digits, and quoting the ABN is done in the same way in which Companies quote their ACN. Further,

- The common seal of any company must continue to disclose that company's ACN number.
- The use of any ABN number on a common seal is not to be allowed until remedial legislation action has been put into effect.

