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Amended LTO Forms and New Forms

The new forms are now compulsory. Instruments lawfully executed prior to 31/8/2007 will still be able to be registered. Documents executed after that date in the old format will require approval by the Registrar-General before acceptance.

Amendments to the Unit Titles Act and other associated legislation.

The draft Land Title and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 puts forward a number of amendments that are specific to unit titles legislation. However, it also proposes amendments of a more general nature, such as changing:

- the Planning Act so that the provisions of that Act regarding subdivisions and consolidations apply to all subdivisions and consolidations relating to unit titles;
• the Real Property (Unit Titles) Act so the general principles of the provisions of the Land Title Act dealing with consents to subdivisions and consolidations also apply to subdivisions and other changes of title under, or in respect of, titles to be issued or issued in accordance with the Unit Titles Act and the Real Property (Unit Titles) Act;
• the Unit Titles Act so that the Surveyor-General rather than the Minister is responsible for most of the initial decisions relating to the approval of proposals regarding condominium and estate developments; and shifts responsibilities under the Land Title Act that are linked to subdivisional approvals from the Minister for Justice and Attorney-General and the Registrar-General to the Surveyor-General;
• the Land Title Act to clarify that the provisions of that Act that apply to consolidations of lots follow the same general principles that apply to the subdivision of lots;
• the Law of Property Act so as to set out the default consequences for contracts for conveyancing transactions if a computer failure at the Land Titles Office prevents the lodgement or registration of a transaction.

Pre-populated forms

This service is now available. The take up rate has been limited. Could clients please contact Wendy Endenburg with suggested improvements or reasons why it is not being used.

Searching by Instrument Number, Unit Plan and Survey Plan

Many users will have already noticed the new "Document Search" option in the ILIS general menu. This allows clients to conveniently search for Unit Plans, Survey Plans and Dealings by number, without always having to do a title search first. Because of the inconsistencies in the format of the alpha-numeric Unit Plan and Survey Plan numbers, ILIS will deliver all search results that are possible with the given parameters. This allows users to be sure which document they would like to pay to view. The fees to view the documents have not changed and you will be prompted regarding the charge before proceeding to view.

Consultative Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Registrar-General's Consultative Committee will be held early in the new year. Please contact Wendy Endenburg on 8999 5318 to nominate any items to be placed on the Agenda for discussion.

Lodgement Box

The Lodgement Box situated in the Land Titles Office counter area has not been used. At the suggestion from Consultative Committee members the Registrar-General has agreed to waive any requisition fees resulting from errors in documents until the 30 June 2008. Please see newsletter dated August 2005 for a detailed explanation of use of the lodgement box.

BDM Online Application Service

The Office of Births, Deaths and Marriages now has on-line certificate application. This service involves internet ordering of birth, death and marriage certificates with in-built security features in place.

Alice Springs Office

Training has commenced for various industry groups who regularly use the Land Titles Office in Alice Springs. Feedback has been positive and those that have attended have found the training sessions beneficial. Anyone wishing to attend can contact Sharon Mansell on 8051 5493 or Paul Bandiera on 8951 5339.

Births, Deaths & Marriages in Alice Springs is involved with various other stakeholders in facilitating an ID system for indigenous persons in the region.

