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Revised Survey Audit Program

Following the successful transition in 2008 to a performance-based survey audit program, it is my intention to extend that policy in order to maximise the effectiveness of this Office's cadastral standards maintenance responsibilities across both audit and investigation programs. Land surveyors will now be audited at a frequency that reflects the results of their previous audits.

Procedures will be amended so that land surveyors may be exempt from audit for up to four years. The period of exemption will correspond with the number of consecutive satisfactory audit outcomes achieved since the last unsatisfactory audit, if any. The exception to this procedure is for surveyors lodging surveys of land for the first time in Tasmania, who will continue to be audited in each of the first two years of lodgement.

The new procedures will result in many surveyors receiving the minimum recurrence of one audit every five years, maintaining the focus of the program on those surveyors whose surveys in the immediate past have been the subject of unsatisfactory audit results and those with limited current experience due to recent registration in Tasmania or a low number of surveys lodged.

The 'Procedures for the Audit of Surveys of Land', published on our website, have been updated to reflect these changes. As always, surveys will be audited in accordance with the statutory requirements in force at the date shown on the survey certificate attached to the survey notes.

LISTmap – Boundary Segments layer

As foreshadowed in Circular 1/2009, boundary segments have now been available for some time as a layer on LISTmap under the 'Land Use and Administration – Cadastre' category. The boundary segments are the spatial mapping of all cadastral boundaries within Tasmania, with each boundary's positional uncertainty (horizontal accuracy) varying depending on its source. Boundaries have been grouped into accuracy ranges, symbolised by colours indicating their level of horizontal accuracy.

This information is available to all LISTmap users free of charge. Users should be aware that it is for general guidance only, and that they should access the original data source for definitive information. The legend within LISTmap provides a description of the data source, the information box providing further boundary segment data on a boundary's reported horizontal accuracy and data source. Additional information on this layer can be found on the LIST homepage under 'LIST Help – the LIST help bulletin No 2 PDF document'.

For land surveyors this information has two benefits, particularly for rural surveys:

- When undertaking a new survey, it will enable the identification of any recent surveys with survey accurate coordinates that may be suitable as MGA coordinate and bearing origin.

- It provides enhanced information that can be used as a gross coordinate check for boundaries being reinstated in surveys.

LISTmap – Survey Investigations layer

In the past, the progress of survey investigation work being undertaken by the Office of the Surveyor General and its outcomes have not been readily accessible for the benefit of land surveyors. This has now been remedied by the addition of a survey investigations layer to LISTmap, also to be found under the 'Land Use and Administration – Cadastre' category.

This information is available free of charge, but access is restricted to those registered land surveyors, and survey firms and other organisations employing registered land surveyors, that are LIST subscribers. Consequently, you will need to be 'logged on' to the LIST to access this layer. The legend within LISTmap provides basic information on an investigation's status with the information box providing further data related to the investigation.

To aid users, investigations have been symbolised by colours indicating their status. The four stages are:

- Commenced
- Completed (corrections required) – the investigation has identified that corrections are required, which have not yet been finalised.
- Finalised (no further action required) – the investigation found that no corrections were required or corrections have been completed and no further action is required by surveyors in future.
- Finalised (SI plan prepared) – a survey investigation or corrective survey plan providing information required for future survey work has been prepared. This status indicates that either:
 - Boundary marking corrections have been completed but title correction will rely on future surveys, or
 - The extent of deteriorated cadastre precludes comprehensive correction and a survey investigation plan is provided to assist with future surveys, or
 - No corrections are required as a result of the investigation, but a survey investigation plan containing information pertinent to future surveys has been prepared.

All registered land surveyors should ensure that they have access to this information through LISTmap and refer to it as part of any survey search undertaken. If you find that you do not have access, please contact John VanderNiet on 03 6233 8798.



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