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TOPIC: **Re-mark and Identification Surveys**

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It has come to my attention that a number of registered land surveyors are undertaking surveys as if they are identification surveys but are placing boundary or reference marks to be used by others to identify the correct location of the boundary. These surveys clearly fall within the definition of a re-mark survey.

Part I of the Survey Directions defines a re-mark survey as “a survey required only for the purpose of reinstating an existing title or boundary, including marking, directly or by the use of reference marks, that title or boundary on the ground” and subsection 3.2.2.9 requires that “a re-mark survey must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Survey Directions”.

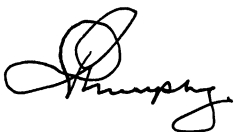
In accordance with the above statutory definition, any survey marking or referencing an existing boundary is a re-mark survey, with the attendant requirement to comply with the requirements of the Survey Directions.

The classification of a survey as an identification survey not requiring lodgement of a plan is only justified where no marks are placed to identify the boundary.

Please take note also that any boundary mark placed must conform to the requirements of the *Surveyors Regulations 2003* and that other statutory requirements, including those for survey coordination and lodgement of a Survey Information Only (SIO) re-mark plan, cannot be circumvented by the use of non-conforming marks such as stakes.

However, SIO plans may also be lodged as a means of sharing useful survey information. These only need to comply with Survey Directions where the survey fits the re-mark definition. This means that identification survey plans could also be lodged.

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