

Circular Memorandum No. 2 / 2020

TOPIC:	GDA2020 update Revised Survey Directions, Tasmania – feedback period extended to 24 April 2020
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All Registered Land Surveyors

GDA2020 update

Land Tasmania has released its [GDA2020 Implementation Policy](#) which describes how it intends to address the use of GDA2020 during the first stage of Australia's datum modernisation. It includes the following policy statement:

Survey Directions Tasmania: All surveys of land for a statutory purpose in Tasmania, that are commenced after 1st July 2020, will need to be coordinated on GDA2020, or otherwise at a date specified by the Surveyor General.

Revised Survey Directions, Tasmania – feedback period extended to 24 April 2020

Given the minor nature of the changes proposed to the *Survey Directions, Tasmania* the process for making the changes will continue without the planned SSSI workshops that were cancelled in support of Covid-19 prevention measures.

However, in addition to general feedback being accepted by email to osg@dpipwe.tas.gov.au or in writing to the above address an online survey has been prepared which includes questions requiring a specific choice in relation to the proposed changes to Schedule 2.

The link to the online survey is in the email accompanying this circular memorandum but it is important that surveyors read the information below prior to completing the online survey.

All feedback must be provided by close of business on Friday 24 April 2020.

Information on proposed changes to Schedule 2

The additional abbreviations and prefix's denoted by the **Text in purple and yellow highlight** were substantially agreed in 2017. However, due to differences in opinion concerning some specifics that were not resolved the changes were not incorporated into the current Directions. Surveyors have continued to pursue the addition of an expanded list of prescribed abbreviations to standardise practice and so the list incorporating feedback from 2017 has been included in the new Draft Survey Directions.

The proposed removal of the text prior to the linetype symbols in Schedule 2 has not previously been discussed.

The statement “ ~~The following abbreviations and symbols may be used as applicable, either in conjunction with the above or on their own~~ ” was brought forward from the *Land Surveyors (Survey Practice) By-Laws 1982* and its deletion is required in order to remove unintended ambiguity around the use of the linetype symbols.

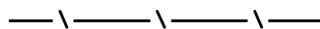
In the statement the intent of the “may” was “enabling” as to the use of the symbol in conjunction with the preceding mark symbols, not discretionary as to the form of a symbol. I.e. the “symbol” for fence off a boundary “may” be used with or without the mark symbols – so for boundaries marked / redefined or pictorially for abutting boundaries, but each fence linetype must be used as specified for on and off boundary situations.

Coinciding with the prevalence of computer drafted survey some surveyors are using either linetype in both off and on boundary situations’, arguing that the “may” is providing discretion for this purpose. Varied use of the different linetypes, in conjunction with poor drafting, is resulting in uncertainty concerning occupation information.

The deletion of the statement removes ambiguity and enables enforcement of the use of two distinct linetypes, as was the intent.

Option A

Fence: off boundary



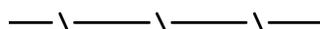
Fence : on boundary



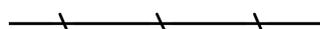
The above **Option A** is the default position. Recognising increasingly common practice in computer drafted notes, an alternative - **Option B** below - is to change the prescribed format of the “Fence: on boundary” linetype to more closely resemble its off-boundary companion :

Option B

Fence: off boundary



Fence : on boundary



Only one option will be prescribed, and the default Option A will be retained unless there is decisive feedback support from Registered Land Surveyors supporting Option B.

Following the evaluation and incorporation of feedback as appropriate, final approval of the new *Survey Directions, Tasmania* will be sought from SSSI and IST with an aim of adopting the new *Survey Directions, Tasmania* on 1 July 2020 in accordance with the Land Tasmania GDA2020 Implementation policy.

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