

Notice

To Lodging Parties

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Subcontracting of Surveying Services

The *Survey Act 1992* allows for development consultants or “*surveying service providers*” (a person not being a licensed surveyor) to provide the cadastral surveying component of a land division through the instrumentality of a licensed surveyor. It is typical of these situations that the plan lodging party is the development consultant not the certifying licensed surveyor. While the certification of the plan makes it clear who the surveyor is, there is no indication of the company that is responsible for the indemnity.

Section 7.72 of the Plan Preparation Guidelines (PPG) stipulates that, if used, the firm identification box on plan diagram sheets must contain:

- the name of the survey company,
- the name of the lodging party or drafting agent for plans not drafted by a survey company.

Indicating both the surveying company and the development company on the plan will provide transparency to the company that carried out the cadastral survey component and the company that carried out the management of the development.

I remind all development consultants that subcontract licensed surveyors to carry out the cadastral survey component of a land division that the name of the surveying company should appear in the firm identification box in addition to the name of the lodging party; neither the developer nor survey company details shall dominate.

Example:

SURVEYING BY:		LICENSED SURVEYORS
Surveying Company Pty Ltd		
P:	E:	REF:
PLANNING & MANAGEMENT BY:		DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS
Surveying Service Provider Pty Ltd		
P:	E:	REF:

OR

PLANNING & MANAGEMENT BY:		DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS
Surveying Service Provider Pty Ltd		
P:	E:	REF:
SURVEYING BY:		LICENSED SURVEYORS
Surveying Company Pty Ltd		
P:	E:	REF:

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