

# Customer Information Bulletin

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## Compliance with Digital Plan Lodgement CAD Standard – exemption requirements

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In April 2021, Land Services SA (LSSA) and the Government of South Australia officially launched Digital Plan Lodgement (DPL). [Notice to Lodging Parties No 245](#) was published advising industry of the launch and the 12-month transition to 100% adoption of the DPL Standard from 4 April 2022.

Over the last 12 months, LSSA have provided Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) tools and templates at no cost to industry to assist with the adoption of the DPL Standard. A dedicated LSSA resource has also been provided to support industry with the change. Extensive engagement and communication, including face-to-face meetings and demonstrations, has been undertaken and tutorial videos are available from LSSA's website. On 15 December 2021, [Customer Information Bulletin No 370](#) was issued reminding industry of the requirement of DPL format plans from 4 April 2022.

There has been a significant increase in DPL format plans uploaded in draft form or lodged in EPL since the start of 2022 and 75% of new plans uploaded to EPL are in the DPL format.

As it is common practice for plans to be drafted and uploaded to the Electronic Plan Lodgement (EPL) system in 'draft form' many months prior to being formally lodged it is acknowledged that, from 4 April 2022, many draft plans in EPL or those returned to lodging agents for correction over the preceding 12-month period or longer will be image files rather than in the DPL CAD format.

It is acceptable for these plans to be lodged or re-lodged as plan images after 4 April 2022 rather than be re-drafted to the DPL CAD standard at a cost to industry.

Irrespective of the circumstances, **from 4 April 2022, lodging agents will be required to apply to LSSA for exemption prior to lodging any new plans as an image file.** The EPL ID and the reason for requesting an exemption is to be emailed to [DPL@landservices.com.au](mailto:DPL@landservices.com.au) prior to lodgement.

New plans lodged in an image format after 4 April 2022 where an exemption has not been granted will be requisitioned prior to plan examination commencing.

A sunset date of 1 January 2023 to the above requirements is considered reasonable and subsequently image file plans still in progress will be required to be re-drafted in the DPL CAD format. Exemptions may still be sought after this date; however, they will only be granted for limited situations.



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