

Audits and Amendments

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ABSTRACT

The Office of the Registrar General (ORG) is a regulator, policy advisor, review body and independent arbitrator working to ensure the integrity of the NSW land title system. ORG regulates the private operator of the land title business, NSW Land Registry Services (LRS), under a 35-year concession to ensure the integrity, security, performance and availability of the NSW land titles system. Each plan lodged for registration at LRS undergoes a desktop examination by plan examiners of the Titling and Plan Services (TPS) unit to ensure that the plan complies with all relevant Acts and Regulations. Upon registration, a plan may be selected for a field audit, undertaken by surveyors of ORG's Cadastral Integrity Unit (CIU), to further assess its regulatory compliance. The objectives of the audits are to (1) assess and measure, in the field, a plan's or registered surveyor's compliance with the requirements of the Surveying and Spatial Information Act 2002 and associated Regulations, (2) improve the quality and consistency of Deposited Plans lodged for registration, (3) improve the quality and consistency of the LRS plan examination process, (4) put in place a process for the continuing education of surveyors, and (5) establish a mechanism for referring cases of complaint and sustained non-compliance to the Board of Surveying and Spatial Information (BOSSI). This presentation provides background, examples and statistics on survey audits and outlines the procedures followed by ORG during such audits. More information can be found in the Cadastral Integrity Unit Audit Survey Procedures, which are available for download from the ORG website (see https://www.registrargeneral.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/320414/Audit-Survey-Procedures.pdf). Information regarding the current process to be followed for the amendment of a registered plan is also available from the website (see https://rg-guidelines.nswlrs.com.au/deposited_plans/amendment/amendment_registered_plan).

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