

Surveyor-General's Direction No. 7: Revamped and Reformatted

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ABSTRACT

The Surveying and Spatial Information Regulation 2017 has been remade and replaced by the Surveying and Spatial Information Regulation 2024 on 1 March 2025. As such, Surveyor-General's Direction No. 7 (SGD7), the user guide for the Regulation, also needed to be revised, updated, restructured and republished on the DCS Spatial Services website (https://www.spatial.nsw.gov.au/surveying/surveyor_generals_directions). This presentation discusses the major changes to the Regulation in a more focused style than previous updates. Some of the topics covered are the chain of traceability (why it is important and why specific terms are used and should not be used interchangeably), natural feature reports (why they are required for all natural feature surveys, what they should contain and why), an explanation of marking arc boundaries (a very complicated concept that should be very simple and should not really affect many surveys), and permanent survey marking density (another very complicated concept that has a very simple explanation). The majority of the changes are straight forward and merely formalise current practices or are trying to clarify a previous outcome. Occasionally, significant change is required to redress an issue that is causing concern to the cadastre or the State Control Survey. So, put a new string on your plumb-bob and fill your glass with your favourite mulled wine, relax and enjoy while you are regaled with the anecdotes of SGD7 'reloaded'.

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