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A Bill for

An Act to amend legislation in relation to electronic conveyancing, and for other purposes

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

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Part 1 Preliminary

Section 1

1 Part 1 Preliminary

2	1	Name of Act
3		This Act is the Land Titles (Electronic Conveyancing) Legislation
4		Amendment Act 2020.
5	2	Commencement
6 7		This Act commences on the commencement of the <i>Electronic Conveyancing National Law (ACT) Act 2020</i> , section 3.
8 9		<i>Note</i> The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see Legislation Act, s 75 (1)).
10	3	Legislation amended
11 12		This Act amends the <i>Land Titles Act 1925</i> and the <i>Land Titles (Unit Titles) Act 1970</i> .
13		<i>Note</i> This Act also amends other legislation (see sch 1).

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2 3	4	Meaning of <i>registrable form</i> Section 4 (c)
4		substitute
5 6 7		(c) any document that is required to be produced under section 14 (1) (a) or (ba) for the instrument is produced when the instrument is lodged; and
8 9 10		(ca) certification under section 48BA or section 48BB, or verification under section 48BC, is provided for the instrument; and
11 12 13		(cb) any document for the instrument that is required to be provided under section 48BH (2) is provided when the instrument is lodged; and
14 15	5	Powers of registrar-general Section 14 (1) (a)
16		omit
17		certificate of title,
18	6	New section 14 (1) (ba)
19		insert
20 21 22 23		(ba) for an instrument lodged under section 48BA or section 48BB— require the legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation to produce a document in relation to which certification under those sections was given; and
24 25 26		<i>Note</i> The registrar-general may also require documents in relation to an instrument from a legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation under s 48BH.

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Section 7

1	7		Section 14 (1) (g)
2			omit
3			certificate of title or other
4	8		Section 14 (1) (h) (i)
5			omit
6			certificates of title,
7	9		New section 14 (8)
8			insert
9 10 11 12		(8)	The registrar-general may deal with any document the registrar-general is required or permitted to deal with under this Act or another territory law electronically or by any other means the registrar-general considers fit.
13 14	10		Penalty for obstructing registrar-general Section 15 (1)
15			omit
16			section 14 (1) (a) or (b)
17			substitute
18			section 14 (1) (a), (b) or (ba)
19 20	11		Land brought under Act Section 18 (2) (d) (v)
21			substitute
22 23			(v) the interest in the land must be registered in the name of the corporation; or

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1	12	Sections 21 (2) and 25
2		omit everything from
3		issuing
4		to
5		Act
6		substitute
7		registering the applicant's interest in the land
8 9	13	Applicant may withdraw application Section 27
10		omit
11		prior to the issuing of the certificate of title
12		substitute
13 14		before the registrar-general registers the applicant's interest in the land
15 16 17	14	Land occupied may be brought under Act by different description from that in title on special application Section 28
18		omit
19		a certificate of title
20		substitute
21		registration

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Section 15

15	Section 29 heading
	substitute
29	Applications to bring land under Act may be granted for land occupied under, but not described in, title deeds
16	Section 29
	omit
	for the issue of an amended certificate of title or for the amendment of a grant or certificate of title
	substitute
	for the amendment of a grant or the register
17	Section 29
	omit
	or grant or certificate of title
	substitute
	, grant or register
18	Part 6 heading
	substitute
Part 6	Bringing land under the Act— miscellaneous

1 2	19	Documents of title how to be dealt with Section 35 (1)
3		omit
4		Upon issuing a certificate of title
5		substitute
6		On registering an interest
7	20	Section 35 (1)
8		omit
9		annexing thereto the certificate of title
10	21	Section 35 (2)
11		omit
12		certificate of title
13		substitute
14		register
15 16 17	22	How certificate of title to issue in case of previous death of applicant Section 36
18		omit
19 20	23	Bringing under this Act of land to which State Act applies Section 38 (6)
21		omit
22		folium
23		substitute
24		folio

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Section 24

1	24		Sections 46 and 47
2			substitute
3 4	46		Registering fee simple estate for which leasehold interest registered
4			•
5			Before bringing under this Act an estate in fee simple in relation to
6 7			which a leasehold interest has been registered, the registrar-general must—
8			(a) close the folio of the register for the leasehold interest; and
9			(b) enter on the folio of the register for the estate in fee simple all
10			interests on the register affecting the leasehold interest.
11	47		When instruments etc taken to be registered
12		(1)	A grant lodged for registration is taken to be registered under this Act
13			when it is marked by the registrar-general with a folio and volume of
14			the register for the land.
15		(2)	A memorandum of transfer or other instrument purporting to transfer
16			or otherwise deal with or affect an interest in land is taken to be
17			registered under this Act when a memorial of the instrument is
18			entered on the folio of the register for the land.
19		(3)	The person named in the registered grant or instrument as the person
20			owning or taking legal possession of (however described) the land or
21			interest in land is taken to be the registered proprietor of the land or
22			interest when the grant or instrument is registered.

1 2	25	Registration of transfers of mortgages, subleases etc Section 47A (1)
3		omit
4		folium constituted by the existing grant or certificate of title
5		substitute
6		folio for the land
7 8	26	Instruments—registration and priority Section 48 (3), new note
9		insert
10 11 12 13		<i>Note</i> The execution of an instrument lodged for registration by a legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation is not required to be witnessed because certification for the instrument is given (see s 48BD and E-Conveyancing Law, s 11).
14	27	Section 48B heading
15		substitute
16	48B	Lodgment of instruments—registrable form
17	28	Section 48B (2) (a)
18		substitute
19		(a) refuse to register it and require—
20		(i) 1 or more of the parties to the instrument to—
21		(A) alter or correct the instrument; or
22 23		(B) provide a stated document under section 14 (1) (a); or

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1 2		(ii) for an instrument lodged under section 48BA or section 48BB—the legal practitioner or mortgagee
3		corporation to—
4		(A) alter or correct the instrument; or
5 6		(B) provide certification under section 48BA or section 48BB in appropriate form; or
7 8		(C) provide a stated document under section 14 (1) (ba) or section 48BH (2); or
9	29	New section 48B (3)
10		insert
11	(3)	In this section:
12		appropriate form, of certification for an instrument lodged for
13		registration—see section 48BA (5).
14	30	New sections 48BA to 48BI
14 15	30	New sections 48BA to 48BI insert
	30 48BA	
15 16		insert Lodgment of instruments by legal practitioners—
15 16 17	48BA	<i>insert</i> Lodgment of instruments by legal practitioners— certification
15 16 17 18	48BA	<i>insert</i> Lodgment of instruments by legal practitioners— certification This section applies if a legal practitioner lodges an instrument
15 16 17 18 19	48BA	<i>insert</i> Lodgment of instruments by legal practitioners— certification This section applies if a legal practitioner lodges an instrument purporting to transfer or otherwise deal with or affect an interest in
15 16 17 18 19 20	48BA	<i>insert</i> Lodgment of instruments by legal practitioners— certification This section applies if a legal practitioner lodges an instrument purporting to transfer or otherwise deal with or affect an interest in land with the registrar-general for registration on behalf of a party to
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	48BA (1)	<i>insert</i> Lodgment of instruments by legal practitioners— certification This section applies if a legal practitioner lodges an instrument purporting to transfer or otherwise deal with or affect an interest in land with the registrar-general for registration on behalf of a party to the instrument.
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	48BA (1)	<i>insert</i> Lodgment of instruments by legal practitioners— certification This section applies if a legal practitioner lodges an instrument purporting to transfer or otherwise deal with or affect an interest in land with the registrar-general for registration on behalf of a party to the instrument. The registrar-general must not register the instrument unless, for each
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 21 22 23	48BA (1)	insert Lodgment of instruments by legal practitioners— certification This section applies if a legal practitioner lodges an instrument purporting to transfer or otherwise deal with or affect an interest in land with the registrar-general for registration on behalf of a party to the instrument. The registrar-general must not register the instrument unless, for each person who is a party to the instrument, the legal practitioner for the person certifies in the appropriate form—
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	48BA (1)	insert Lodgment of instruments by legal practitioners— certification This section applies if a legal practitioner lodges an instrument purporting to transfer or otherwise deal with or affect an interest in land with the registrar-general for registration on behalf of a party to the instrument. The registrar-general must not register the instrument unless, for each person who is a party to the instrument, the legal practitioner for the person certifies in the appropriate form—
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	48BA (1)	 <i>insert</i> Lodgment of instruments by legal practitioners— certification This section applies if a legal practitioner lodges an instrument purporting to transfer or otherwise deal with or affect an interest in land with the registrar-general for registration on behalf of a party to the instrument. The registrar-general must not register the instrument unless, for each person who is a party to the instrument, the legal practitioner for the person certifies in the appropriate form— (a) that the person has authorised the legal practitioner under a

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1 2 3		(b) that the legal practitioner has verified the person's identity in accordance with the verification of identity rules as in force at the time of verification; and
4 5 6 7		(c) that the legal practitioner has verified the person's authority to deal with the land under the instrument in accordance with the verification of authority rules as in force at the time of verification; and
8 9 10		(d) that any document relevant to certification under this section that is required to be kept by the legal practitioner under this Act and, if relevant, the E-Conveyancing Law, has been kept; and
11 12 13		(e) that the legal practitioner has complied with any other requirement in relation to the instrument under this Act and, if relevant, the E-Conveyancing Law; and
14 15		(f) that the legal practitioner has complied with any requirement prescribed by regulation.
16 17 18	(3)	Certification under subsection (2) may only be provided by a legal practitioner who has personal knowledge of the matter the legal practitioner is certifying.
19 20 21	(4)	The registrar-general may exempt a legal practitioner, or an instrument prescribed by regulation, from a certification requirement under subsection (2).
22	(5)	In this section:
23 24		<i>appropriate form</i> , of certification for an instrument lodged for registration, means—
25 26 27		(a) for an instrument lodged electronically under the E-Conveyancing Law—certification that complies with the participation rules; or
28		(b) in any other case—the form required by the registrar-general.

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1		client authorisation means—
2 3 4		(a) for an instrument lodged electronically under the E-Conveyancing Law—see the E-Conveyancing Law, section 10; or
5 6		(b) in any other case—an authorisation in a form required by the registrar-general.
7		<i>participation rules</i> —see the E-Conveyancing Law, section 23.
8 9 10		<i>party</i> , to an instrument, includes a person acting on behalf of another person (under a power of attorney or otherwise) but does not include a legal practitioner acting under a client authorisation.
11 12	48BB	Lodgment of instruments by mortgagee corporations— certification
13 14 15	(1)	This section applies if a mortgagee corporation lodges a mortgage or other instrument purporting to deal with or affect an interest in land with the registrar-general for registration.
16		<i>Note 1</i> Section 48BA applies to a mortgagee represented by a legal practitioner.
17 18		<i>Note 2</i> Section 48BC applies to a mortgagee who is not a corporation and not represented by a legal practitioner.
19 20	(2)	The registrar-general must not register the instrument unless the mortgagee certifies in the appropriate form—
21 22 23		(a) that the mortgagee has verified the mortgagor's identity in accordance with the verification of identity rules as in force at the time of verification; and
24 25 26 27		(b) that the mortgagee has verified the mortgagor's authority to deal with the land under the instrument in accordance with the verification of authority rules as in force at the time of verification; and

1 2 3		(c) that any document relevant to certification under this section that is required to be kept by the mortgagee under this Act and, if relevant, the E-Conveyancing Law, has been kept; and	
4 5 6		(d) that the mortgagee has complied with any other requirement in relation to the instrument under this Act and, if relevant, the E-Conveyancing Law; and	
7 8		(e) that the mortgagee has complied with any requirement prescribed by regulation.	
9 10 11	(3)	Certification under subsection (2) may only be provided by an employee of the mortgagee corporation who has personal knowledge of the matter the employee is certifying.	
12 13 14	(4)	The registrar-general may exempt a mortgagee corporation, or an instrument prescribed by regulation, from a certification requirement under subsection (2).	
15	(5)	In this section:	
16 17		<i>appropriate form</i> , of certification for an instrument lodged for registration—see section 48BA (5).	
18		<i>participation rules</i> —see the E-Conveyancing Law, section 23.	
19 20	48BC	Lodgment of instruments by self-represented parties— verification of identity and authority	
21 22 23	(1)	This section applies if a party to an instrument purporting to transfer or otherwise deal with or affect an interest in land lodges the instrument, in person, with the registrar-general.	
24 25	(2)	The registrar-general must not register the instrument unless the registrar-general has verified—	
26 27		(a) the party's identity in accordance with the verification of identity rules as in force at the time of verification; and	

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1 2 3		(b) the party's authority to deal with the land under the instrument in accordance with the verification of authority rules as in force at the time of verification.
4	(3)	In this section:
5		party, to an instrument—see section 48BA (5).
6 7	48BD	Signature and witnessing requirements—legal practitioners and mortgagee corporations
8	(1)	This section applies if—
9 10		(a) an instrument is lodged by a legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation under section 48BA or section 48BB; and
11 12		(b) the instrument is not lodged electronically under the E-Conveyancing Law; and
13 14 15		 (c) the legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation provides certification in relation to the instrument under section 48BA or section 48BB.
16 17		<i>Note</i> The E-Conveyancing Law, pt 2, div 2 contains similar provisions for instruments lodged electronically.
18 19	(2)	Any requirement under this Act for the instrument to be executed, signed, witnessed, attested or sealed is taken to have been satisfied.
20	48BE	Verification of identity rules
21 22	(1)	The registrar-general may make rules (the <i>verification of identity rules</i>) about—
23 24		(a) how a person must be identified for section 48BA (2) (b), section 48BB (2) (a) and section 48BC (2) (a); and
25 26 27		 (b) what documents must be kept for the purpose of verifying the person's identity under section 48BA (2) (d) and section 48BB (2) (c); and

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1		(c) how long the documents must be kept; and
2		(d) any other relevant matter.
3	(2)	A rule is a disallowable instrument.
4 5		<i>Note</i> A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.
6	48BF	Verification of authority rules
7 8	(1)	The registrar-general may make rules (the <i>verification of authority rules</i>) about—
9 10 11		 (a) how a person's authority to deal with land under an instrument is verified for section 48BA (2) (c), section 48BB (2) (b) and section 48BC (2) (b); and
12 13 14		(b) what documents must be kept for the purpose of verifying the person's authority under section 48BA (2) (d) and section 48BB (2) (c); and
15		(c) how long the documents must be kept; and
16		(d) any other relevant matter.
17	(2)	A rule is a disallowable instrument.
18 19		<i>Note</i> A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.
20 21	48BG	Compliance audits—lodgments by legal practitioners and mortgagee corporations
22	(1)	
23 24		(a) an instrument is lodged by a legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation; and
25 26		(b) the instrument is not lodged electronically under the E-Conveyancing Law; and

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1		(c) the legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation provides
2		certification in relation to the instrument under section 48BA or
3		section 48BB.
4		<i>Note</i> The registrar-general has a similar power to this provision for an
5		instrument lodged electronically under the E-Conveyancing Law (see the
6		Law, s 33 and s 34).
7	(2)	The registrar-general may, at any time, give the legal practitioner or
8		mortgagee corporation a written request to provide stated information
9		about—
10		(a) the accuracy of the matters certified by the legal practitioner or
11		mortgagee corporation under section 48BA (2) or
12		section 48BB (2) in relation to the instrument; or
13		(b) whether section 48BA or section 48BB have otherwise been
14		complied with by the legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation
15		in relation to the certification for the instrument.
16	(3)	The request must state a reasonable period for the information to be
17		provided.
18	(4)	The legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation must provide the
19		information in accordance with the request.
00	48BH	Non-compliance—registrar-general may require
20	40011	additional documents
21		
22	(1)	This section applies if—
23		(a) a legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation has not complied
24		with a request under section 48BG; or

1		(b) the registrar-general is reasonably satisfied in relation to an instrument lodged by a legal practitioner or mortgagee
2 3		corporation that—
4 5 6		 (i) the matters certified by the legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation under section 48BA (2) or section 48BB (2) in relation to the instrument are not accurate; or
7 8 9		(ii) the legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation has not otherwise complied with section 48BA or section 48BB in relation to the certification for the instrument; or
10 11 12 13		 (c) a legal practitioner's or mortgagee corporation's authorisation to use an electronic lodging network under the E-Conveyancing Law or a corresponding law is restricted, suspended or terminated for non-compliance with that law.
14 15 16 17 18 19	(2)	The registrar-general may, after giving the legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation at least 14 days written notice (the <i>notice period</i>), require the legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation to provide stated compliance assurance documents for stated instruments lodged by the legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation from the day the notice period ends until—
20		(a) the end date stated in the notice; or
21		(b) a stated event happens.
22 23 24 25		Example—event If a legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation is suspended from using an electronic lodging network for non-compliance—the suspension ends. Note The instrument is not in registrable form if a document required under
26 27 28	(3)	s (2) is not provided (see s 4 (cb)). Subsection (2) does not apply to an instrument lodged electronically under the E-Conveyancing Law.

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1	(4)	In this section:
2 3 4		<i>compliance assurance document</i> , for an instrument lodged for registration, means a document relevant to certification under section 48BA or section 48BB for the instrument.
5		Examples
6		1 a client authorisation
7		2 a copy of a document used to verify a client's identity or authority
8		3 for a transfer of land—a copy of the contract of sale for the land
9		4 for a mortgage—a copy of the loan agreement
10		<i>corresponding law</i> —see the E-Conveyancing Law, section 3.
11	48BI	Power to refer to appropriate authority
12	(1)	This section applies if the registrar-general—
13 14		(a) receives a complaint from a person in relation to a legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation indicating that—
15 16 17		(i) the matters certified by the legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation under section 48BA (2) or section 48BB (2) in relation to an instrument are not accurate; or
18		(ii) the legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation has not
19		otherwise complied with section 48BA or section 48BB in
20		relation to the certification for an instrument; or
21		(b) reasonably suspects a circumstance mentioned in paragraph (a)
22		applies to a legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation.
	(0)	
23 24	(2)	The registrar-general may, instead of or in addition to, taking action under section 48BH refer the matter to an appropriate authority.
25	(3)	If the registrar-general refers a matter under subsection (2), the
26	``'	registrar-general may give the appropriate authority any information
27		held by the registrar-general that is reasonably relevant to the matter.

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1		(4)	In this section:
2			<i>appropriate authority</i> —see the E-Conveyancing Law, section 35 (1).
3 4			<i>Note</i> Appropriate authority includes a law enforcement agency, a regulatory body or professional disciplinary body.
5	31		Sections 49, 50 and 50A
6			omit
7 8	32		Instruments not to be registered Section 51 (2)
9			omit
10			the repeal day
11			substitute
12			1 March 1999
13	33		Section 51 (3)
14			omit
15	34		Section 52
16			substitute
17	52		Issue of new certificate of title after change in register
18 19 20		(1)	If an interest in land is registered, the registrar-general must give the party that lodged the relevant instrument for registration a certificate of title showing the interest.
21		(2)	The registrar-general must keep—
22			(a) each registered instrument; and
23			(b) any document lodged with the instrument
20			(b) any document lodged with the instrument.

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Section 35

1		(3)	In this section:
2			instrument includes a caveat, grant or Crown lease.
3 4	35		Evidence as to title Section 53 (4)
5			omit
6			Where any grant or certificate of title
7			substitute
8			If the register
9	36		Section 53 (5)
10			omit
11			Where any grant of certificate of title
12			substitute
13			If the register
14 15	37		Joint tenants and tenants in common Section 54 (3) to (5)
16			substitute
17 18		(3)	The share of a person registered as a tenant in common must be included on the register.
19	38		Survivor of joint tenants
20			Section 55 (d)
21			omit
22			any certificate of title has been issued
23			substitute
24			an interest in land has been registered
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Section 39

39	Section 55 (d)
	omit
	to whom the certificate of title has been issued
	substitute
	whose interest in land has been registered
40	Remainderperson or reversioner may be registered as such Section 56
	omit
	a certificate of title has been issued
	substitute
	an interest has been registered
41	Instruments not effectual until entry in register Section 57
	omit
42	Estate of registered proprietor paramount Section 58 (1)
	omit
	folium of the register constituted by the grant or certificate of title of the land
	substitute
	folio of the register for the land
	40

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Section 43

1	43	Section 58 (1) (a)
2		substitute
3 4		(a) the interest of a proprietor claiming the same land under a prior entry in the register; and
5	44	Section 58 (1) (b)
6		omit
7		relative certificate of title
8		substitute
9		register
10	45	Section 58 (1) (c)
11		omit
12 13		grant, certificate of title, lease or other document or instrument evidencing the title of
14		substitute
15		register as land or an interest held by
15 16	46	register as land or an interest held by Section 58 (2)
	46	ç .
16	46	Section 58 (2)
16 17	46	Section 58 (2) omit

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1	47	Sections 61 to 63
2		omit
3 4 5 6	48	Registrar-general may register as proprietor person entitled to land by operation of statute or by defeasance of estate Section 68 (1)
7		omit
8		and issue every such certificate of title
9 10	49	Dealings with Crown leases Section 71 (2)
11		omit
12		folium
13		substitute
14		folio
15	50	Sections 72A (2) and (3) and 72AB (2)
16		omit
17		folium of the register constituted by the relevant certificate of title
18		substitute
19		folio of the register for the land under the Crown lease

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Land Titles Act 1925

Section 51

Part 2

1 2	51	Memorandum of transfer Section 73 (2)
3		substitute
4 5	(2) The registrar-general must not register a memorandum of transfer unless—
6		(a) if the transfer is lodged by—
7 8 9		 (i) a legal practitioner on behalf of a party—the legal practitioner provides the certification under section 48BA; or
10 11		(ii) a mortgagee corporation—the mortgagee corporation provides the certification under section 48BB; or
12 13 14		(b) in any other case—the transfer has been executed by the registered proprietor of the land and accepted by the transferee or the transferee's legal practitioner on the transferee's behalf.
15 16		<i>Note</i> The transferee's identity and authority to transfer the land must also be verified (see s 48BC).
17	52	Section 73 (3)
18		omit
19		subsection (2)
20		substitute
21		subsection (2) (b)

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1	53		Sections 75 and 76
2			omit
3 4	54		Form of lease Section 82 (2)
5			substitute
6 7		(2)	Each registered lease must be identified by the volume and folio of the register and the folio identifier for the land.
8 9	55		Surrender of lease Section 86 (2), new note
10			insert
11 12 13 14			<i>Note</i> The execution of an instrument lodged for registration by a legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation is not required to be witnessed because certification for the instrument is given (see s 48BD and E-Conveyancing Law, s 11).
15	56		Section 86 (4) (b)
16			substitute
17 18 19			(b) accompanied by evidence of the resolution of the owners corporation mentioned in the <i>Unit Titles Act 2001</i> , section 167A (2) (c).
20 21	57		Land—how mortgaged or encumbered Section 92 (3)
22			omit
23 24			grant or certificate of title of the land in which the interest is held, or shall give such other description as is necessary to identify the land
25			substitute
26			folio identifier for the land

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Section 58

1 2	58	Mortgage or encumbrance—postponement of priority Section 92A (3), new note
3		insert
4 5 6 7		<i>Note</i> The execution of an instrument lodged for registration by a legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation is not required to be witnessed because certification for the instrument is given (see s 48BD and E-Conveyancing Law, s 11).
8 9	59	Discharge of mortgages and encumbrances Section 101 (2) (a)
10		omit
11		subject to subsection (3),
12	60	Section 101 (3)
13		omit
14 15	61	Variation of mortgages Section 101A (2), new note
16		insert
17 18 19 20		<i>Note</i> The execution of an instrument lodged for registration by a legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation is not required to be witnessed because certification for the instrument is given (see s 48BD and E-Conveyancing Law, s 11).
21 22	62	No notice of trusts to be entered in register Section 124 (4)
23		omit
24		folium
25		substitute
26		folio

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Section 63

1 2	63	Transmission by bankruptcy or insolvency Section 132 (2)
3		omit
4		folium constituted by the grant or certificate of title of
5		substitute
6		folio of the register for
7 8	64	Appointment of new or additional trustees Section 138A (1)
9		omit
10		constituted by the grant or certificate of title effected
11		substitute
12		for the land
13 14	65	Territory only liable in certain cases Section 147 (b)
15		omit
16		certificate of title
17		substitute
18		entry in the folio of the register

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Section 66

1 2 3	66	Registered proprietor protected against ejectment except in certain cases Section 152 (1) (f)
4		omit
5		any grant or certificate of title of
6		substitute
7		the register as an interest in
8	67	Section 152 (1) (g)
9		omit
10 11		grants or 2 or more certificates of a title or a grant and a certificate of title
12		substitute
13		interests
14	68	Section 152 (2)
15		omit
16		the registered grant, certificate of title or lease
17		substitute
18 19		a current certified extract from the register showing all interests affecting the land

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Section 69

1 2 3	69	In case of ejectment of defendant who has made improvements their value may be assessed Section 153 (1)
4		omit
5		or person holding a grant or certificate of title
6	70	Section 153 (5)
7		omit
8 9	71	Compensation for party deprived of land Section 154 (1) (d)
10		omit
11		, certificate of title
12	72	Section 154 (4)
13		omit
14		certificate of title was issued
15		substitute
16		transfer was made
17 18 19	73	When actions may lie against registrar-general as nominal defendant Section 155
20		omit
21		, certificate of title

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Section 74

74	Sections 162 and 164A
	omit
75	Offence for certain fraudulent acts Section 165 (1) (a)
	omit
	certificate of title or other
76	Section 165 (1) (a)
	omit
	certificate of title,
77	Section 165 (2)
	omit
	certificate of title
	substitute
	instrument
78	Conditions of sale of land under Act Section 171 (1) (c)
	omit
79	Attesting of instruments Section 173, new note
	insert
	<i>Note</i> The execution of an instrument lodged for registration by a legal practitioner or mortgagee corporation is not required to be witnessed because certification for the instrument is given (see s 48BD and E-Conveyancing Law, s 11).

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Section 80

Part 2

1	80	Dictionary, note 2
2		insert
3		• corporation
4	81	Dictionary, new definitions
5		insert
6 7		<i>E-Conveyancing Law</i> means the Electronic Conveyancing National Law (ACT).
8 9 10 11 12		NoteThe Electronic Conveyancing National Law (ACT) Act 2020, s 6 applies the Electronic Conveyancing National Law set out in the appendix to the Electronic Conveyancing (Adoption of National Law) Act 2012 (NSW), as if it were an ACT law called the Electronic Conveyancing National Law (ACT).
13		<i>mortgagee corporation</i> means a mortgagee that is a corporation.
14		verification of authority rules—see section 48BF (1).
15		verification of identity rules—see section 48BE (1).

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Part 3 Land Titles (Unit Titles) Act 1970

Section 82

Part 3 Land Titles (Unit Titles) Act 1970

2 3	82	Registration of units plan Section 7 (1) (c)
4		omit
5	83	Section 7 (1), note
6		substitute
7 8 9		<i>Note 1</i> The units plan may only be registered if the certification or verification requirements under the <i>Land Titles Act 1925</i> , s 48BA, s 48BB or s 48BC are met.
10 11 12		<i>Note 2</i> A person may apply for a certificate of duty, land tax, rates and other charges under the <i>Duties Act 1999</i> , s 244, <i>Land Tax Act 2004</i> , s 41 and <i>Rates Act 2004</i> , s 76.
13 14	84	Duties of registrar-general after units plan registration Section 10 (1) (a)
15		omit
16		, or the certificate of title of the parcel and the duplicate certificate
17	85	Section 10 (1) (b) and (c)
18		substitute
19 20 21		 (b) for each lessee of a unit under the Unit Titles Act 2001, section 33—register the lessee under the Land Titles Act 1925 as the registered proprietor of the unit; and
22 23		(c) register the owners corporation under the <i>Land Titles Act 1925</i> as the registered proprietor of the common property; and

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Section 86

Part 3

86	Section 10 (1) (d)
	omit
	certificate of title for the units
	substitute
	folio of the land titles register for each unit
87	Section 10 (1) (e)
	omit
	certificate of title
	substitute
	folio of the land titles register
88	Section 10 (1) (f)
	omit
	certificate of title for the units
	substitute
	folio of the land titles register for each unit
89	Duties of registrar-general on registration of order Section 18 (1) (b)
	omit
90	Section 18 (1) (d)
	omit
	the register in relation to the new certificate of title
	substitute
	the land titles register for each unit
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Part 3 Land Titles (Unit Titles) Act 1970

Section 91

1	91	Section 18 (2) to (4)
2		omit
3 4	92	Registration of final building damage orders Section 20 (3)
5		substitute
6 7	(3)	On registration of the order, the registrar-general must make any entries on the land titles register necessary to give effect to the order.
8 9	93	Registration of termination of unit lease Section 23 (1) (a)
10		omit
11	94	Section 24
12		substitute
13	24	Cancellation of memorials made under s 23
14 15		On lodgment of a notice under the <i>Unit Titles Act 2001</i> , section 171 (New unit lease), the registrar-general must—
16		(a) register the notice; and
17 18 19		(b) enter on the units plan and the schedule of unit entitlement further memorials cancelling the memorials entered under section 23.
20 21		<i>Note</i> A new certificate of title must be given to the lodging party (see <i>Land Titles Act 1925</i> , s 52).

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Section 95

95	Registrar-general to enter expiry of lease in register
	Section 25
	omit
	and the certificates of title and duplicate certificates of title
	•
96	Delivery to registrar-general of certificates of title
	Section 32
	omit
97	Dictionary, note 2
	insert
	• land titles register
	96

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Schedule 1 Consequential amendments

2 (see s 3)

Part 1.1 Administration and Probate Act 1929

5	[1.1]	Section 52 (5)
6		omit
7		certificate of title must issue,
8		substitute
9		land must be registered,

Part 1.2 Associations Incorporation Act 1991

12	[1.2]	Section 28 (2)
13		omit
14 15		endorse the relevant certificate of title in the register kept under the <i>Land Titles Act 1925</i> to that effect
16		substitute
17 18		enter the new association as the registered proprietor of the land or interest in land on the land titles register

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1	[1.3]	Section 87
2		omit
3 4		endorse the relevant certificate of title in the register kept under the <i>Land Titles Act 1925</i> to that effect
5		substitute
6 7		enter the company as the registered proprietor of the land or interest in land on the land titles register
8	[1.4]	Section 92 (5)
9		omit
10 11		endorse the relevant certificate of title in the register kept under the <i>Land Titles Act 1925</i> to that effect
12		substitute
13 14		enter the entity in which the property is vested as the registered proprietor of the land or interest in land on the land titles register
15	[1.5]	Section 94 (2)
16		omit
17 18		endorse the relevant certificate of title in the register kept under the <i>Land Titles Act 1925</i> to that effect
19		substitute
20 21		enter the registrar-general as the registered proprietor of the land or interest in land on the land titles register
22	[1.6]	Dictionary, note 2
23		insert
24		• land titles register

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Schedule 1
Part 1.3Consequential amendments
Building Act 2004Amendment [1.7]

Part 1.3 Building Act 2004

 easement in the land titles register or on a deposited plan; and [1.10] Section 36A (2) (b) substitute (b) show any area covered by the plans that is marked as 	[1.7]	Section 52, definition of easement, paragraph (a)
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insert		easement in the land titles register or on a deposited plan; and
	[1.11]	Dictionary, note 2
• land titles register		insert
		• land titles register

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1	[1.12]	Dictionary, new definition of deposited plan
2		insert
3		deposited plan—see the Districts Act 2002, section 7.
4 5	Part 1.	5 Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Act 2003
6	[1.13]	Section 9 (1) (b)
7		substitute
8 9		(b) a current certified extract from the land titles register showing all interests affecting the property;
10	[1.14]	Section 9 (1) (d) and (e)
11		omit
12		on the certificate of title
13		substitute
14		in the land titles register
15	[1.15]	Section 9 (1) (g) (iii)
16		substitute
17 18		(iii) a current certified extract from the land titles register showing all interests affecting the common property;

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Schedule 1
Part 1.6Consequential amendments
Community Title Act 2001Amendment [1.16]

1 [1.16] Section 11 (1) (a) (i)

- 2 omit
- 3 on the certificate of title
- *4 substitute*
- 5 in the land titles register

6 [1.17] Dictionary, note 2

7 insert

8

• land titles register

9 Part 1.6 Community Title Act 2001

10	[1.18]	Section 17 (1) (b)
11		omit
12		folium for the certificate of title
13		substitute
14		folio of the land titles register
15	[1.19]	Section 25 (2) (c)
16		substitute
17 18 19		<i>Note</i> The amendment may only be registered if the certification or verification requirements under the <i>Land Titles Act 1925</i> , s 48BA, s 48BB or s 48BC are met.

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Amendment [1.20]

1	[1.20]	Section 26 (1) (b)
2		omit
3		folium for the certificate of title
4		substitute
5		folio of the land titles register
6	[1.21]	Section 91 (1) (a)
7		omit
8		folium for the certificate of title
9		substitute
10		folio of the land titles register
11	[1.22]	Section 91 (1) (b)
12		omit
13		register kept under the Land Titles Act 1925, section 43
14		substitute
15		land titles register
16	[1.23]	Dictionary, note 2
17		insert
18		land titles register
19	[1.24]	Dictionary, definition of <i>lot</i> , paragraph (a)
20		substitute
21 22		(a) means a parcel of land registered under the <i>Land Titles Act 1925</i> ; but

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Schedule 1
Part 1.7Consequential amendments
Districts Act 2002Amendment [1.25]

Part 1.7 Districts Act 2002

2	[1.25]	Section 7 (5)
3		omit
4 5		register kept by the registrar-general under the <i>Land Titles Act 1925</i> , section 43
6		substitute
7		land titles register
8	[1.26]	Section 11 (2)
8 9	[1.26]	Section 11 (2) omit
	[1.26]	
9	[1.26]	omit
9 10	[1.26]	omit register kept under the Land Titles Act 1925, section 43

13 Part 1.8 Legislation Act 2001

14	[1.27]	Dictionary, part 1
15		insert
16		land titles register means the register kept under the Land Titles
17		<i>Act 1925</i> , section 43.

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Consequential amendments Sche Planning and Development Act 2007 P

Amendment [1.28]

Part 1.9 Planning and Development 1 Act 2007 2 Section 251 (4) [1.28] 3 omit 4 register under the Land Titles Act 1925 5 substitute 6 land titles register 7 [1.29] **Dictionary, note 2** 8 insert 9 land titles register 10 **Planning and Development** Part 1.10 11 **Regulation 2008** 12 [1.30] Schedule 1, section 1.11 (4), definition of easement 13 substitute 14 easement means an easement registered on the land titles register. 15 [1.31] Schedule 1A, section 1A.10 (6), definition of easement 16 substitute 17 easement means an easement registered on the land titles register. 18 [1.32] Dictionary, note 2 19 insert 20 land titles register 21

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Schedule 1
Part 1.11Consequential amendments
Retirement Villages Act 2012Amendment [1.33]

Part 1.11 Retirement Villages Act 2012

2	[1.33]	Section 44 heading		
3		substitute		
4	44	Application to remove retirement village notice from land		
5		titles register		
6	[1.34]	Section 44 (1)		
7		omit		
8		register under the Land Titles Act 1925		
9		substitute		
10		land titles register		
11	[1.35]	Section 57 (3) (b)		
12		substitute		
13		(b) if the residence contract related to residential premises that are		
14 15		subject to a community title scheme, company title scheme or units plan and was rescinded under section 54 (Rescission of		
16		village contract on grounds relating to disclosure statement)—		
17		the resident must execute all instruments necessary to enable		
18		re-registration of—		
19 20		(i) for premises that are subject to a company title scheme— the shares; or		
21 22		(ii) in any other case—title in the name of the operator under the rescinded contract.		

Part 1.12 Unit Titles Act 2001

2	[1.36]	Section 167A (2) to (4)		
3		substitute		
4	(2)	The owners corporation must—		
5		(a) hold a general meeting; and		
6 7		include in the notice of the general meeting a statement that it intends to apply for the further leases; and		
8		(c) at the meeting, seek authority by ordinary resolution, to—		
9 10 11		 (i) on behalf of each owner of a unit in the units plan, surrender the lease for each unit under the <i>Land Titles Act 1925</i>, section 86 (4); and 		
12 13 14		<i>Note 1</i> The memorandum of surrender lodged with the registrar-general must be accompanied by evidence of the resolution (see <i>Land Titles Act 1925</i> , s 86 (4) (b)).		
15 16 17		<i>Note 2</i> The <i>Unit Titles (Management) Act 2011</i> , sch 3, s 3.19 sets out requirements for evidence of resolutions of owners corporations.		
18 19		(ii) do anything else necessary on behalf of an owner of a unit to ensure the grant of the further leases.		
20		Examples—par (c) (ii)		
21 22		 deal with a mortgagee in relation to the unit to obtain the mortgagee's consent to the application for the further lease 		
23 24		2 sign on behalf of a unit owner any document required by the registrar-general to ensure the grant of a further lease		

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Endnotes

1	Presentation speech			
	Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 20 February 2020.			
2	Notification			
	Notified under the Legislation Act on	2020.		
3	Republications of amended laws			
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