

Surveyors (Surveyor-General) Practice Directions 2010 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2010-267

made under the

Surveyors Act 2007, section 55 – Surveyor-General Practice Directions

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Surveyors Act 2007*, as amended upon notification of the Surveyors Amendment Bill 2009, provides for the issuing of instructions to surveyors and, in particular, section 55 provides for the Surveyor-General to issue Surveyor-General Practice Directions.

This instrument establishes the Surveyors (Surveyor-General) Practice Directions 2010 (No 2) and repeals the Surveyors (Surveyor-General) Practice Directions 2010 (No 1) (DI2010-40). The new instrument makes the following amendments to the former directions:

1. Direction 11 amended to require identification surveys to show easements when relevant. This has been standard practice for many years however the practice has not be reflected in the practice directions.
2. Direction 14 – Supervision has been updated with further detail and in line with recent changes made in NSW. The majority of the additional detail is provided in Schedule 4.
3. Direction 65 amended to ensure that all deposited plans and unit plans are signed by hand by the surveyor and makes it clear that electronic facsimile signatures are not acceptable.
4. Direction 67 is new and provides instruction on community title sub-divisions.
5. Directions 68-76 provide instruction to surveyor in relation to the preparation of Unit Plans. These directions are consistent with recent changes to the Unit Titles Act 2001 and the Unit Title regulations. They replace an old document titled Standards and Specifications for Unit Plans.
6. Examples of Unit Plans have been added as Schedule 3.
7. The previous Schedule 2, a comparison between the old 2008 directions and the 2010 directions, has been deleted as it referred to a document now over two years old.

In accordance with section 55(2) the Survey Practice Advisory Committee has been consulted and members have no objection to the changes. An industry consultation workshop was also conducted in relation to the changes with relevant feedback incorporated where appropriate.