NOTICE TO LODGING PARTIES

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1. Expired Leases on TATS Titles

One of the basic principles of the Torrens Automated Titles System (TATS) is that a Register Search will disclose only the most current information.

Until recently, leases and underleases have constituted an exception to that principle. A Register Search has continued to disclose the existence of leases and underleases even though their term has expired and no extension has been lodged.

From 20 May 2000, leases and underleases that are registered over TATS titles will be deleted automatically from the title 90 days after their expiry.

Documents that are associated with the expired leases and underleases (such as a Transfer of Lease, Mortgage of Lease or Extension of Lease) will also be automatically removed.

The 90-day period provides for the statutory two-months in which an Extension of Lease can be lodged. It provides also for those situations where the period in which an extension can be lodged is prolonged by weekends and public holidays.

The fact that the land was formerly subject to a registered lease or underlease can be ascertained by a Historical Search ("TFOHIS").

2. Addresses

Australia Post has recently rationalised the number of its post offices and changed the way that mail is delivered. This has resulted in:

- localities being assigned a postcode for the first time;
- the existing postcode of some localities being changed;
- the removal of "via" addresses. For example, "Buckland Park via Two Wells 5501" is now "Buckland Park 5120".

The changes mentioned above will have a minimal impact upon documentation that is lodged in this office. However, "via" addresses are no longer acceptable and must not be used. Please ensure that the current postcode of a locality is shown. One method of ascertaining the current postcode for a locality is to use the Australia Post website at http://www.auspost.com.au.

3. Panel Forms

New panel forms were introduced on 4 January 2000. However, clients were advised by Notice to Lodging Parties No. 123 that the use of the new forms was optional until 30 June 2000.

Clients are reminded that superseded forms will not be accepted for lodgment after 30 June 2000 unless they were executed prior to that date.

4. Orders of Court, Warrants of Sale and Evidence of Bankruptcy

In general, this office has always insisted upon the production of an original or duplicate sealed copy of an order of court or a warrant of sale: see Notice to Lodging Parties No. 86.

From the date of this notice, I will accept a photocopy of:

- an order of court;
- a warrant of sale; and
- a sequestration order or other evidence of bankruptcy.

All of the text in the photocopy must be clearly legible. In the case of an order of court, the imprint of the court's seal must appear distinctly on each page.

Original and duplicate sealed copies of orders and warrants may still be lodged. I reserve the right to insist upon their production in appropriate cases.

ALAN J. SHARMAN REGISTRAR-GENERAL

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