



# REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Office of the Registrar-General: Land Titles Office - Titles Production - Births, Deaths and Marriages - General Registry  
Northern Territory Department of Justice

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### SWIMMING POOL LEGISLATION

As from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003 the Land Titles Office will no longer accept any transfers of property unless the following is produced:

- A Statutory Declaration signed by a licensed Real Estate Agent stating that there is no pool on the premises or that the premises are a motel or hotel and are excluded under the Swimming Pool Fencing Regulations.
- A Certificate of Compliance which is produced at the time of lodgement of dealings.

If it is a private sale then the Statutory Declaration can be signed by the owner of the property.

Please note that this process only applies to "small premises" which are defined in the *Swimming Pool Fencing Act 2002* as premises that are less than 2 hectares in area.

Copies of the preferred wording for the Statutory Declarations are attached together with a copy of the new Swimming Pool Fencing Regulations exempting swimming pools at hotels or motels.

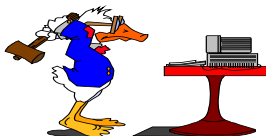
For information regarding Compliance Certificates contact the Pool Fencing Unit on 1300 301 059  
Mondays to Fridays  
8.30am to 4.30 pm

### LAND TITLES OFFICE

#### *New Computer System (ILIS)*

The new Integrated Land Information System (ILIS) commenced operation on 10 February 2003. A few problems were experienced in the first couple of weeks mainly due to the response times. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

The Office is still investigating ways of improving the time delays and we will keep you informed of any significant changes.



***Out with the old and in with the new***

### *Scanning of Instruments*

Scanning of Instruments over the counter commenced with the start of the new ILIS system. In the next couple of months you should notice a significant increase in instruments that can be searched on-line.

It would be a great help to this Office if, when lodging instruments over the counter (mainly lease documents of more than 1 page) clients could provide an **unbound** and **unstapled** original document. This will enable staff of the LTO to improve the quality of the scanned images and to process the scanning more speedily. It is proposed to amend the Registrar-General's Directions to make this a requirement as from 1 July 2003.

### *Training for Clients on the use of the new ILIS searching techniques*

Training on the new ILIS system is still available on a one to one basis for any clients who need assistance or who missed out on the first training sessions. In respect of the Darwin Office please contact Wendy Endenburg on 08 89995318 or Alice Springs Office, Sharon Mansell on 08 89515493.

### *Registrar-General's Consultative Committee*

The next Consultative Committee Meeting will be scheduled for April 2003. Industry representatives on the Committee are currently:

- Denis Power – Real Estate Institute of the NT
- Tim Jacobs – Ward Keller
- Guy Riley – Clayton Utz
- Trevor Tschirpig – Aust. Inst. of Conveyancing (NT)
- Patricia Veide – Aust. Inst. of Conveyancing (NT)
- Alison Maynard – Cridlands
- David Elliott – Local Government Association of NT
- Jenny Henwood – TIO
- Graeme Addicott – Valuer-General
- Richard Henscke – Halfpennys
- Robert Bradshaw – Policy Division Dept. of Justice

If you wish to raise any matters with the Committee please contact this Office or your industry representative.