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Survey Requirements for Mining Tenures, Surveyors Regulations, Wet Tropics Management Authority

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Survey Requirements for Mining Tenures 4.0

The Survey Requirements for Mining Tenures version 4.0 (SRMT) has been officially published on the Business Queensland website on 25 March 2024 after an extensive consultation process. This update is a significant overhaul that encompasses the changes in technology, legislation and industry practices that have occurred in the decade since the previous Version 3.0 was published. The amendments are consistent with changes to related documents such as the Cadastral Survey Requirements v8.01, the *Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Act 2003*, the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*, and the *Petroleum & Gas (Construction and Safety) Act 2004*.

Any questions or comments about the SRMT should be directed to minesspatialsupport@resources.qld.gov.au.

Sunset review of the Surveyors Regulation 2014 and the Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Regulation 2014

The regulations made under the *Surveyors Act 2003* and the *Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Act 2003* are due to expire on 1 September 2024. The department engaged directly with the broader industry via presentations at the Queensland (Brisbane) and North Queensland (Cairns) Spatial Conferences and via Surveying Alert 55 (12 May 2023), giving opportunities to comment. Based on feedback received from stakeholders and from the Surveyors Board of Queensland, drafting of the new Surveyors Regulation 2024 and Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Regulation 2024 has commenced.

A sunset review of the Surveyors Regulation 2014 and the Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Regulation 2014 (the Regulations) was undertaken by the department and found the Regulations remain fit for purpose and should be remade with minor amendments. These amendments do not change the policy intent of the Regulations, but rather update operational details to ensure the re-made Regulations remain current, including:

- Updating the qualifications and experience prescribed to be held by members of the Surveyors Board of Queensland (the Board) under the Surveyors Regulation 2014. Amendment is proposed to the surveyor 'directly involved in teaching surveying' position. To ensure the Board retains the right mix of experience, and improve sustainability of future appointments, it is proposed to amend this position to become another cadastral surveyor.
- Increasing the minimum level of professional indemnity insurance prescribed to be held by consulting surveyors under the Surveyors Regulation 2014. The current value of \$1 million (m) has not been adjusted since the current framework was established in 2003. The surveying industry has provided feedback to increase the minimum value to \$2m, which is comparable to inflation over this period.
- Consequential amendment of definitions within the Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Regulation 2014, subject to commencement of the *Property Law Act 2023*.

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Change to section 50 of the *Land Title Act 1994* – Wet Tropics Management Authority

Requirements for registration of a plan of subdivision within the Wet Tropics area in North Queensland

Commencing 6 April 2024, if a plan of subdivision affects land in the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area it must be consented to by the Executive Director of the Wet Tropics Management Authority. This will be required under the new section 50(1)(i) of the *Land Title Act 1994*.

If a plan of subdivision has been lodged with the land registry, but the titles have not yet been registered by 6 April 2024, the plan will require the consent of the Executive Director Wet Tropics Management Authority.

The new requirement for consent, with a Form 18, responds to the permit requirement for reconfiguring a lot, introduced in the [Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998](#) on 11 September 2020.

A permit for reconfiguring a lot under the Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998 only applies under section 33(1)(q) 'reconfiguring a lot, if the reconfiguration is assessable development for which a local government is the assessment manager'.

The Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area has an area of approximately 9000km² and stretches from south of Cooktown to west of Townsville. It contains all tenures including freehold and national park lands. The boundary of the World Heritage Area can be found in [Queensland Globe](#) in the Planning Cadastre layers. It is also available for download in the [Queensland Spatial Catalogue](#).

More information is available from the Wet Tropics Management Authority website: www.wettropics.gov.au or by contacting wettropics@wtma.qld.gov.au.