

**Dear (Insert name)**

I would like to thank Land Use Victoria staff for presenting to the Information Governance Committee (IGC) in September 2017 about Land Use Victoria's 100% digital lodgement project and its benefits to Councils.

I note with interest the following:

- Land Use Victoria is working on the timeline for transition to 100% digital lodgement by August 2019.
- Land Use Victoria would like Councils to assist Land Use Victoria to get rid of General Law. General Law Deed was superseded by Torrens Title in 1862 and General Law Register was closed in 1998. Land Use Victoria records are outdated because no updates since 1998.
- Moving forward there will be a change to the process in issuing titles for road or reserve out of new subdivisions, whereby if Council is the vesting authority, the titles will be issued electronically instead of being issued in paper.

The (IGC) has informed me that Councils electing to participate in the 100% digital lodgement project receive many benefits including:

- All titles are brought to the current name and address for service of notices, so all notices get to the right place.
- When/if Council sell they do not need to prove successor-at-law at that time.
- Road and reserve titles in new subdivisions go 'direct' to council electronically rather than your staff needing to chase lodging parties.
- Lost titles are replaced at no cost (mostly road and reserve titles).
- Secure storage, audit and administration of paper titles is no longer required.

For those Councils that have completed the conversion project, they have reported that they can access these titles electronically via the **View My eTitles** account at no cost.

MAV has an active role in the promotion of digital transformation. MAV believes that this is a worthwhile project. We would like to promote an ongoing working relationship with Land Use Victoria.

Consequently, we request that we enter into a memorandum of understanding. This will provide Councils with assurance that they will continue to access their titles electronically via the **View My eTitles** account at no cost even after Land Registry's privatisation.

We also seek confirmation that Land Use Victoria will reflect Council requirements in any instruments of privatisation.

I look forward to your response.

Rob Spence