

## Circular Memorandum No. 2 / 2018

TOPIC: ***Exempt Surveys Directions, Tasmania Enacted***  
***Revised Survey Directions, Tasmania Postponed***  
**GDA2020 Update**

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### All Registered Land Surveyors

During 2016 and 2017 there was extensive consultation with the profession on the content of the new *Exempt Surveys Directions, Tasmania* developed to except a specified list of surveys from the requirements of the Surveyors Act 2002 and a range of revisions to the *Survey Directions, Tasmania* including a large number driven by the adoption of GDA2020 as the official national geodetic datum in place of GDA94.

Section 15 of the principal Act controls the process for the development of relevant Directions. In November 2017 draft versions of both Directions were provided to “all relevant institutions that, in Tasmania, represent land surveyors’ who subsequently confirmed agreement with those versions.

### ***Exempt Surveys Directions, Tasmania Enacted***

Following receipt of agreement from the relevant institutions final agreement to the *Exempt Surveys Directions, Tasmania* was sought from the Land Titles Office as an entity that has a relevant interest. This led to some minor clerical amendments to the draft as allowed under section 15 (9) of the Act, in particular adding a number of definitions to clarify the list of exempt surveys in Schedule I of the document.

The *Exempt Surveys Directions, Tasmania* have now been issued, effective 30 April 2018, and may be found on the Department’s website at <http://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/geospatial-infrastructure-surveying/directions-and-circulars/exempt-surveys-directions>.

### ***Revised Survey Directions, Tasmania Postponed***

Since a large component of the revisions to the *Survey Directions, Tasmania* are contingent upon the use of GDA2020 rather than GDA94 the Office of the Surveyor General (OSG) considers it is not possible to issue the agreed new version until GDA2020 coordinates are both readily available and able to be managed by a range of stakeholders. In particular, the OSG gave an undertaking in Circular Memorandum No. 3 /2016 that implementation of the new *Survey Directions, Tasmania* would not occur until after all CORS providers had established a GDA2020 correction stream. A national update recently received by the OSG has indicated this is now not likely to be achieved until late 2018.

Given GDA2020 implementation issues beyond the control of the OSG will continue to delay the adoption of the new *Survey Directions, Tasmania* in their current form, consideration is being given to issuing the revised Directions excluding the GDA2020 elements so as to capture the other components of the Directions that land surveyors have agreed upon. Further information about this possibility will be provided shortly.

## **GDA2020 Update**

On 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2017 Geoscience Australia and the Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping officially launched the new GDA2020 Datum. GDA94 is still the operational datum being used by Land Tasmania and the move to GDA2020 will take time. The first major milestone in this process was the inclusion of GDA2020 datum and coordinates in the Tasmanian Survey Control Marks Database (SurCoM) on 13 April, 2018.

Relevant Departmental web pages have been updated to reflect the latest information about GDA2020 implementation in Tasmania and it is recommended you review the new content at the following sites:

<http://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/geospatial-infrastructure-surveying/geodetic-survey>

<http://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/datum-modernisation>

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