

# Transitioning from Paper to Digital Survey Plans in NSW Australia

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## SUMMARY

This presentation will outline process that NSW Australia is making towards achieving a fully digital land titling system.

The NSW Government has implemented 100% eConveyancing and transferred old land title records into a digital format. This includes the capture of intelligent digital data (LandXML) files for over 800,000 registered Deposited Plans. However, the creation of intelligent digital cadastral data by surveyors is lagging. The surveying profession continues to lodge around just 5-10% of plans using LandXML. Despite the low uptake, there are many benefits from going digital, in terms of reducing development holding costs through greater efficiency, increasing surveying business productivity, reducing rework and manual data entry, improving data quality and underpinning new innovative value-added services for the community. In order to address this, the NSW Government and NSW Land Registry Services (NSW LRS) have undertaken a collaborative review process, working closely with industry to understand why reforms to date have not been successful and developed an implementation roadmap for how NSW can achieve 100% digital survey plans.

In early 2023, online lodgement of survey plans with NSW LRS will move to a new portal called NSW LRS Connect. This online portal delivers a range of new features to industry, such as plan workspaces for online collaboration with plan contributors and online form-builders that pre-populate information from the titles register. One year from this launch date several industry-backed procedural mandates will come into effect to enhance the quality of land titling documents and improve the efficiency of the end-to-end land subdivision process. Further stages of the reform are also progressing in consultation with industry, with new services introduced to make it easier for surveyors to lodge intelligent digital data and the development of a framework that would allow for digital data to be considered the legal point of truth.

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