

**BULLETIN NO. 246 | 22 April 2014**

## **NATIONAL ELECTRONIC CONVEYANCING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Property transactions are one of the last major financial processes carried out in a paper-based environment.

In 2008, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed that a National Electronic Conveyancing System (NECS) should be developed to provide an efficient and effective national electronic platform for the following processes:

- Settlement of real property transactions
- Preparation and lodgement of registry instruments with Land Registries
- Meeting associated duty and tax obligations.

The implementation of NECS provides a more efficient and convenient way of settling property transactions and lodging documents with State Land Registries, while not augmenting or replacing the traditional conveyancing paper channel.

### **What does this mean for Landgate and Western Australia?**

The *Electronic Conveyancing Act 2014* (the Act) was passed by the Western Australian (WA) Parliament on 13 March 2014.

The Act has different commencement dates for different Parts;

- Part 1 came into effect on the date of royal assent on 24 March 2014.
- Parts 3 – 5 came into effect on the day after royal assent on 25 March 2014.
- Parts 2 and 6 – 9 are yet to come into effect, and it is envisaged to be in May 2014.

The implementation in WA of Release 1 is planned for June 2014.

As of Tuesday 15 April 2014, the Western Australian Registrar of Titles has determined the *Participation Rules* and *Operating Requirements*, and these documents are now available on Landgate's website [here](#).

For further information about the implementation of NECS in Western Australia, please contact Landgate Customer Service on 08 9273 7341.



**Jean Villani**  
**REGISTRAR of TITLES**