## Subscriber Compliance

Presentation to Legal Practitioners' Liability Committee

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Michael is a manager who has worked across the Financial Services Industry, Federal & State Public Service since joining the workforce after obtaining a Bachelor of Business from Monash University in 1994. He grew up in Gippsland in regional Victoria working at SEC Credit Union until 2003. He then joined Australian Securities & Investment Commission (ASIC) working in the Registry area in Traralgon before moving to Melbourne and taking up a national role managing ASIC's Evidence Management Operations. In 2018, he joined DELWP and started in the newly formed Compliance Team as part of Land Registry Services. The team has grown with its primary focus of undertaking Subscriber Compliance.

## **Background**

# **Subscriber Compliance**

# Australian Registrars' National Electronic Conveyancing Council (ARNECC)

- Key Objective is Subscribers meeting their obligations and responsibilities under the Participation Rules and build trust and confidence with Users of an ELN
- Section 33 of the ECNL provides the Registrar in each Jurisdiction with the power to conduct a Compliance Examination
- Subscribers examined may be selected at random or may be part of a targeted program

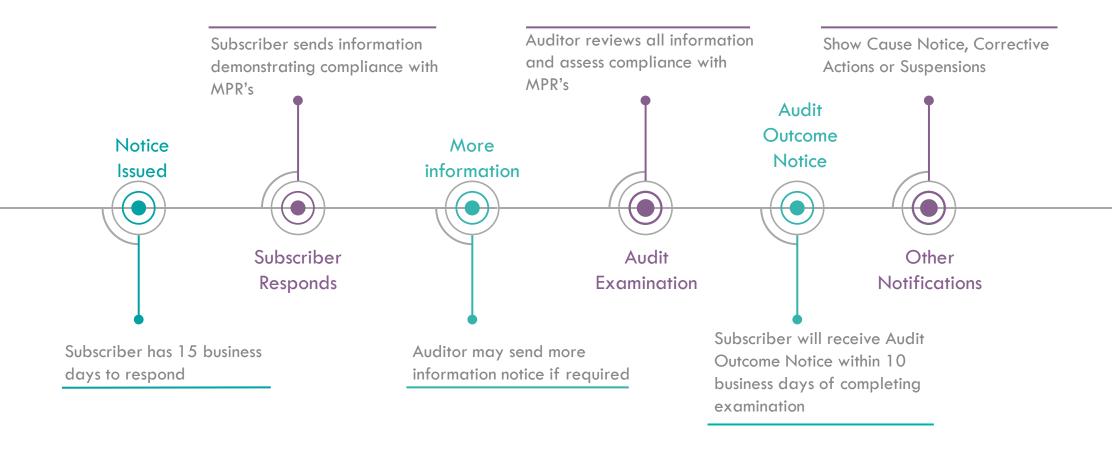
## Scope

The scope of the program is to monitor that the obligations and practices that support the certifications of a Subscriber acting on its own behalf, or on behalf of a Client, are being met in the following areas:

- **Client Authorisation** a document that enables a party to a transaction (the client) to authorise a Representative such as a conveyancer or lawyer to act on their behalf in that transaction.
- **Verification of Identity** verification of the identity of a client or mortgagor.
- **Right to Deal** is the entitlement of a person to be a particular party to a conveyancing transaction.
- Retention of Evidence is evidence supporting a conveyancing transaction including storage of that evidence.

## **Compliance Examination Steps**

Schedule 5 of the Model Participation Rules outlines the procedure for the conduct of a Compliance Examination



#### **Milestones**

- The program started June 2017 and ramped up in November 2019 as the team increased in size
- We have completed over 1,400 compliances
- We have had a 90% compliance rate over the course of the program
- We reached a pre-COVID peak of undertaking approximately 1,000 examinations per year with our paper-based system
- During COVID program was suspended and our new online web-based Land Registry Compliance System (LRCS) was built and released in October 2020
- We have completed 240 compliances post-COVID in the new system

## Land Registry Compliance System (LRCS)

#### The main benefits of the LRCS include:

- No documents sent through mail
- All required evidence directly uploaded in the LRCS
- Examinations completed in a timely manner
- Enhanced reporting capabilities for Land Use Victoria and ARNECC
- All provided evidence securely filed in the LRCS



#### Welcome to Land Use Victoria

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**About Compliance** 

Accessing the Electronic Conveyancing National Law (Victoria), the Participation Rules and the Model Participation Rules Guidance Note #6 Compliance Examinations

Information & Assistance

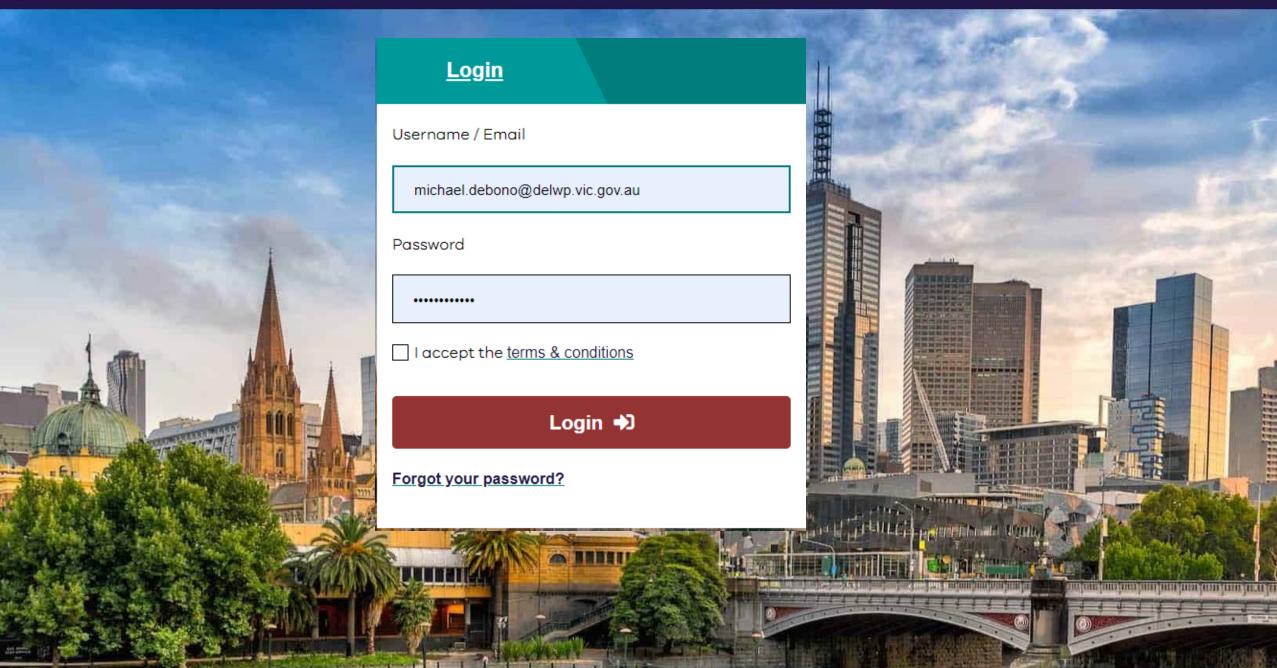
Land Use Victoria follows a nationally consistent Subscriber Compliance Program under the following:

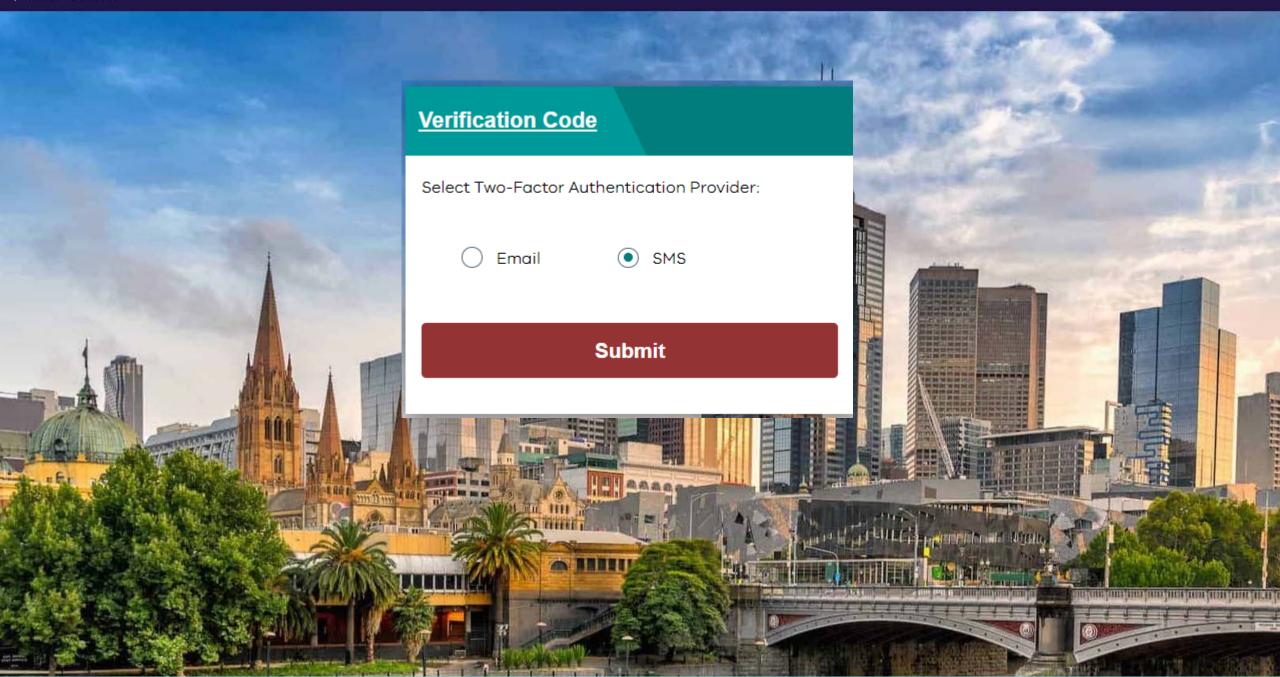
- i. Section 33 of the Electronic Conveyancing National Law (Victoria) (ECNL) which allows the Registrar of Titles (Registrar) to undertake Compliance Examinations to ascertain compliance with the Participation Rules
- ii. Section 34 of the ECNL requires Subscribers to cooperate fully with Compliance Examinations
- iii. Schedule 5 of the Participation Rules sets out the procedure for Compliance Examinations
- iv. Model Participation Rules Guidance Note #6 Compliance Examinations provides more guidance on Compliance Examinations.

A key objective of the Subscriber Compliance Program is to assist Subscribers in meeting their obligations and responsibilities under the Participation Rules and to build trust and confidence in Electronic Lodgment Networks.

Under section 104 of the Transfer of Land Act 1958, the Registrar may require documents and information to be produced.

The Registrar's Requirements for paper conveyancing transactions sets out further requirements.











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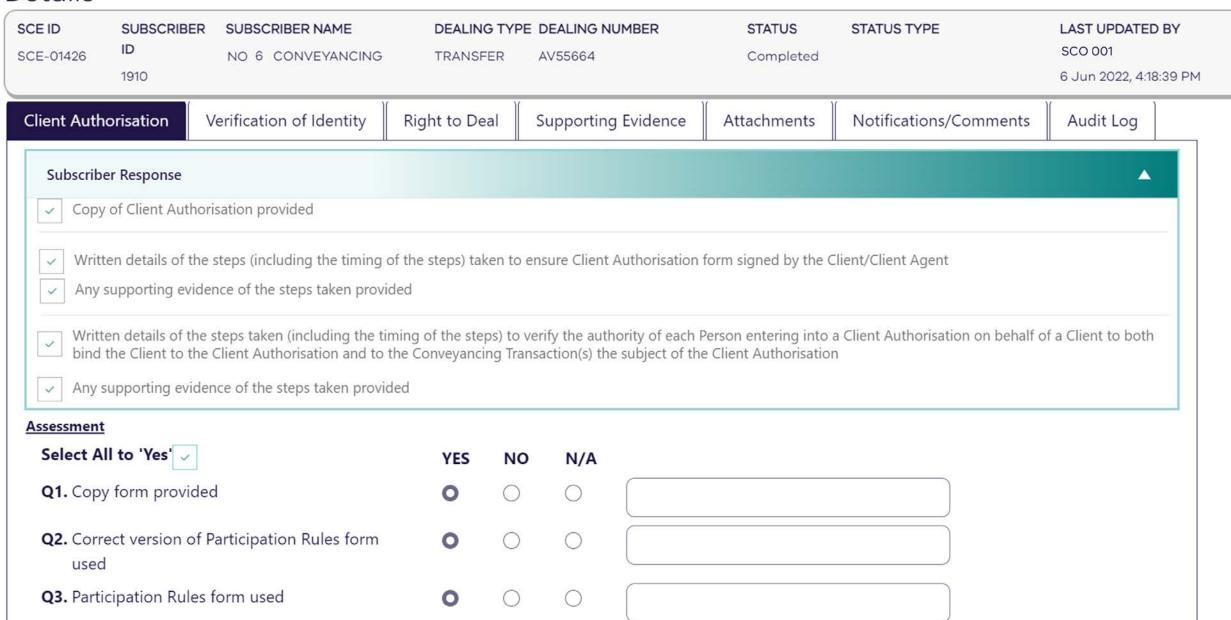


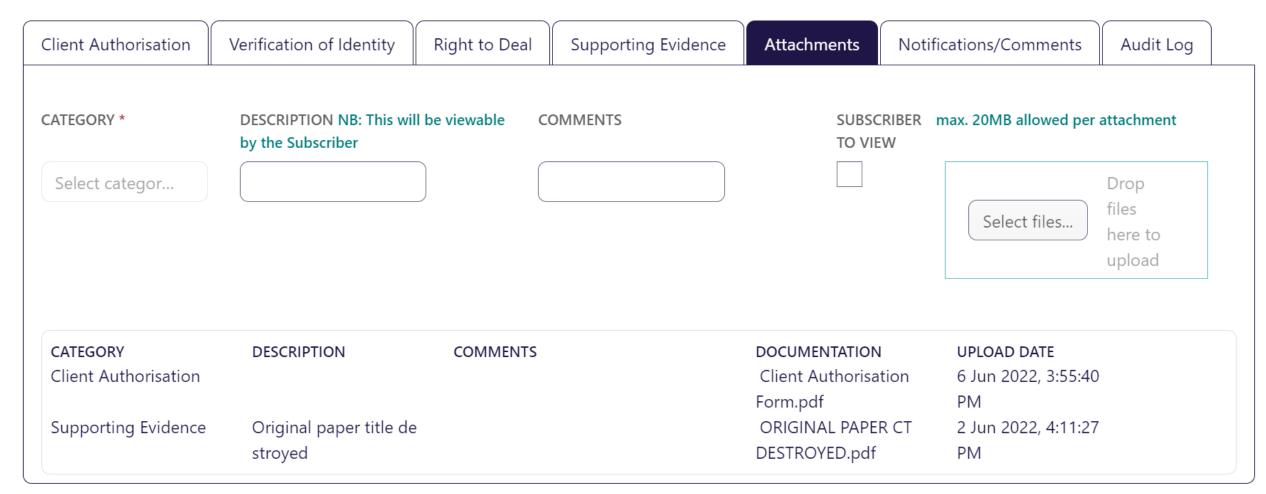


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#### **Audit tabs**

#### **Details**





#### Comments (Internal)

VOI and CA completed by Aust Post



Client Authorisation	Verification of Identity	Right to Deal	Supporting Evidence	Attachments	Notifications/Comments	Audit Log
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## **Subscriber Dashboard**

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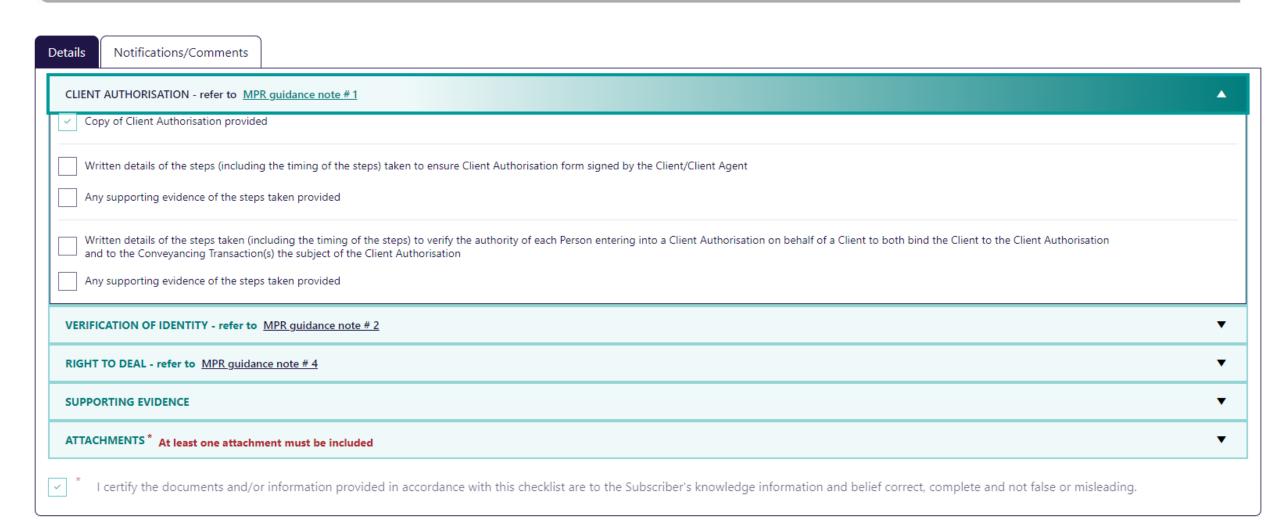
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#### **Subscriber Tabs**

#### Details

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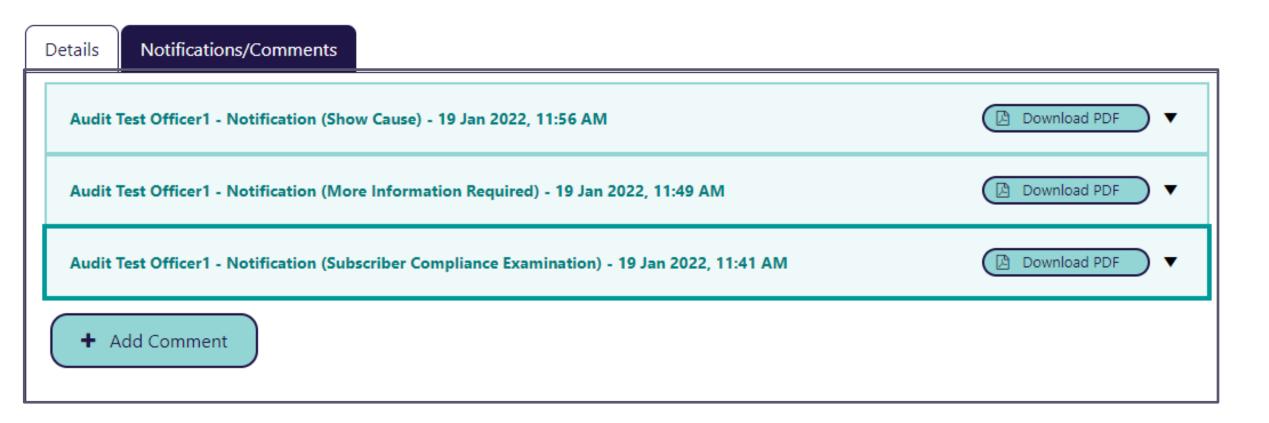


## **Notifications**

#### Details

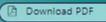
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#### **Notifications Letter**

Audit Test Officer1 - Notification (Subscriber Compliance Examination) - 19 Jan 2022, 11:41 AM





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MR NAME COMPANY PTY LTD 2 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VIC 3000

19 January 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

Electronic Conveyancing National Law (Victoria) (ECNL) - Compliance Examination

Subscriber: COMPANY PTY LTD (you)

Under section 33(b) of the ECNL the Register of Titles (Registrar) may conduct an investigation, called a compliance examination, in relation to a Subscriber for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the Participation Rules determined by the Registrar under section 23 of the ECNL are being, or have been, complied with.

A procedure to be followed for a compliance examination (the Compliance Examination Procedure) is set out in Schedule 5 of the Participation Rules. Further information is provided in Model Participation Rule Guidance Note #6: Compliance Examinations, which can be found at: <a href="https://www.arnecc.gov.au/publications/mpr\_guidance\_notes.">https://www.arnecc.gov.au/publications/mpr\_guidance\_notes.</a>

