Complex Site Addressing project

The Complex Site Addressing project being undertaken by Land and Property Information (LPI) will improve addressing information for complex sites within New South Wales (NSW) by capturing accurate and reliable address information.

The project is one of several initiatives currently underway as part of the Comprehensive Property Addressing System (CPAS) Program. The objectives of the program are to:

- improve the property addressing system in NSW
- support the efficient and effective delivery of services
- support a range of government activities
- improve the addressing system through the capture, storage, maintenance, geocoding, access and distribution of NSW address data.

The project is focusing on mitigating the risks associated with complex sites. Properties within complex sites are often not individually addressed and practices for applying numbering and road naming are not always consistent with National Standards, if applied at all. The objective is to ensure that accurate and reliable address information is captured, maintained and distributed for a wide range of residential, commercial and government complex sites in NSW.

What is a complex site?

A complex site is a large site containing several individual addressable buildings or dwellings (sub-addresses) which are placed on internal roads within this large site. There are many kinds of complex sites including residential unit complexes, shopping centres, schools, hospitals, industrial estates, universities, retirement villages, and caravan parks.

What is complex site addressing?

Complex site addressing provides a unique identification (address) for each sub-address within a large site. A site could have numerous individual addresses within it but the site itself may be known as a single address.

Addresses for standard residential sites are assigned by council and a residence is typically associated with one land title, one property (for rating and taxing purposes) and one address.

For complex site types, addresses may often be assigned by the site operator and the site may operate as one property, comprising one or multiple land titles and have many associated addresses.

Complex site addressing uniquely identifies each address number and correctly positions the address location within the complex site. Accurate address information enables the delivery of services from government and the private sector, especially critical services such as emergency services.

Benefits to the community

A wide range of government and community services rely on accurate addressing. Critical emergency services such as; Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance, SES and Rural Fire Service as well as many other government departments rely on correct addresses in order to provide quality services to the community. Other services and organisations such as; energy, telecommunication and insurance providers also depend upon reliable addressing for complex sites.

Accurate address information increases the likelihood of service providers delivering the greatest benefit to residents and businesses. Missing internal road names and unit/house numbers increase the risk of a delayed response by emergency services.
The NSW Address Working Group identified complex sites as a priority project because each site is unique and a wide variety of addressing issues need to be resolved.

The project will focus on capturing internal roads, building names and unit/house numbers as well as providing assistance with road naming and number allocation. The CPAS program will assist in ensuring up to date site information is provided for distribution as soon as it becomes available.

More information
For more information on the CPAS program or the Complex Site Addressing project see the LPI website www.lpi.nsw.gov.au or contact the Program Manager T: 02 8236 7136 or E: cpas@lpi.nsw.gov.au.