



Review of the *Real Property Act 1886 (SA)*

Fact Sheet 1 – Background Information

About SALRI

The South Australian Law Reform Institute ('**SALRI**') is an independent non-partisan law reform body based at the University of Adelaide Law School that conducts inquiries into areas of law. SALRI is not an advocacy body. SALRI identifies options that will modernise the law, resolve issues with the law, remove unnecessary laws, or, where desirable, adopt an approach used in other States and Territories. To do this, SALRI looks at how the law works in South Australia and elsewhere, conducts research, and consults widely with the community, interested parties and experts. Based on its research and consultation, SALRI makes recommendations to the State Government, who, with the State Parliament, decide whether to change the law. It is wholly up to the Government and Parliament whether to accept any of SALRI's recommendations.

Review of the *Real Property Act 1886 (SA)*

SALRI has been asked by the State Minister for Planning and Attorney-General to review the *Real Property Act 1886 (SA)* ('**RPA**') and, as part of this review, to:

- Consider existing issues, including the operation electronic conveyancing, with a view to identifying and informing recommendations for potential reforms to South Australia's real property laws; and
- Examine the operation of the *RPA*, identify any shortcomings or omissions (whether operational or legal) and recommend solutions for the same.

SALRI is requested to undertake a review of the operation of the Act with a view to modernising the law in South Australia and adopting best practice reforms.

According to its terms of reference, **SALRI will not examine the interaction between the *RPA* and Native Title**. SALRI acknowledges that there are very real issues and needs in this area. However, SALRI cannot investigate issues beyond the scope of this review.

Your Input is Needed

SALRI is committed to an active and inclusive consultation process and wants to hear from you about your knowledge of, experience with, and your views on the operation of the *Real Property Act 1886 (SA)*. There are a number of consultation questions. Please feel free to answer only those that are of interest to you.

SALRI is particularly interested in ways that present law, policy and practice can be improved. Please note that any comments can be de-identified, and that SALRI does not seek any information that can identify individuals.



How to get Involved

There are three ways that you can be involved:

1. Fill out the YourSAy survey, once available;
2. Send SALRI a written submission or letter (formal or informal) via email or post:
 - a. **Email:** salri@adelaide.edu.au; or
 - b. **Postal address:** The South Australian Law Reform Institute, Ligertwood Building, University of Adelaide, North Terrace, Adelaide, SA, 5005.
3. Attend an expert or interested party roundtable discussion (by invitation only).

SALRI's consultation process will open on 8 July 2024 and close on 4 October 2024.

Please note: SALRI does not, and cannot, provide legal advice to individuals. If you are in need of legal advice, we encourage you to speak to a lawyer and/or contact a community legal service.

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