# **Section 70A Notifications**

Section 70A is a section of the *Transfer of Land Act 1893* that allows a notification to be placed on a property's Certificate of Title.

### Transfer of Land Act 1893

Section 70A of the Transfer of Land Act 1893 (TLA) relates to factors affecting the use and enjoyment of land.

Under Section 70A, where a local government or other public authority considers that proprietors or prospective proprietors should be made aware of a particular factor affecting the use of land, or part thereof, they may request a notification be placed on the relevant Certificate of Title.

### Condition of Approval

The local government or other public authority may place a condition on a development approval or subdivision approval for a Section 70A Notification on Title.

The relevant landowner(s) and/or developer(s) are responsible for the completion, registration and associated costs of placing a Section 70A Notification on the Title.

## Factors Affecting Land

Some of the factors affecting land referred to in a Section 70A Notification include bushfire management, bushfire prone areas, noise, contaminated sites, surrounding land uses, hazards, water supply, flooding, etc.

## Lodging a Section 70A Notification

Refer to the back pages of this information sheet for the processes required to complete and lodge a Section 70A Notification.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Can the Shire prepare the Section 70A document on my behalf?

In some circumstances, the Shire may be able to prepare the document on behalf of the landowner, however this will incur a fee of \$73.

The relevant landowner(s) will still be required to sign the document and have it appropriately witnessed, prior to the Shire authorising the document.

#### Can someone at the Shire witness the landowner(s) signature?

No, Shire Officer's will not witness a landowner(s) signature for this document.

#### Does a Section 70A Notification require use of the Shire's Common Seal?

No, not necessarily. The Shire's CEO has authority under Council Policy EXE/CP-2 to sign a Section 70A Notification without the need for a Common Seal.

A full copy of this policy is available on the Shire's website here:

Council Policy EXE/CP-2

#### How do I find out more information?

You may contact Landgate on (08) 9273 7373 or visit their website at

https://www0.landgate.wa.gov.au/

Alternatively, you may contact the Shire's Planning Services on (08) 9780 4200 or via email at shire@donnybrook.wa.gov.au.



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### Preparing and Lodging a Section 70A Notification

The following flow chart provides a broad overview of the processes involved in preparing and lodging a Section 70A Notification on a property Title.

The landowner/developer prepares the relevant documentation on the Landgate website.

(Refer to the end of this information sheet for how to do this).

Print the document double sided.

Ensure all landowners and witnesses have correctly signed the form.

Shire Officers will not witness a landowner(s) signature for this document.

Provide the original signed document to the Shire to complete the Authorising Party Execution.

The Shire will not accept an incomplete or incorrectly completed form.

Document signing by the Shire may take up to 10 days to complete.

Under Council Policy EXE/CP-2, the Shire's CEO, as an Authorised Person, may sign the document:

Signed by the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup pursuant to s.9.49A(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 by its Authorised Person.

NAME

SIGNATURE

Chief Executive Officer (or Authorised Person)

Once completed, the original signed document will be returned to the landowner/developer via the post, or alternatively, may be picked up from the Shire Office with proof of identification.

The landowner/developer is to lodge the document with Landgate and pay all relevant fees.

A copy of the Landgate Lodgement Receipt is to be provided to the Shire.

This will provide evidence that the condition has been complied with.



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## How to prepare a Section 70A Notification

- 1. Go to the Landgate website at <a href="https://www0.landgate.wa.gov.au/">https://www0.landgate.wa.gov.au/</a>
- 2. If you are a new user, you will need to 'Register'



3. Once you have registered, you will need to login, and select 'E-Forms'



4. Scroll down to 'Record Interest' and select 'Notification'





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5. In 'Notification', check the box



6. The 'Jurisdiction' is Western Australia



7. 'Lodging party details' are the details of the person(s) lodging the document with Landgate



8. The 'Preparer details' are the details of the person who prepared the document



9. For the 'Notification details', you will need to change the 'Act' to the Transfer of Land Act 1893 which should automatically enter the section as 70A. The wording of the notification is to be entered word for word from the condition of development approval / subdivision





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10. The 'Land / Interest' is the property on which the notification is to be placed. The easiest way to enter it is to add it by the Title. The volume and folio number can be found on the Title.



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11. If you select 'Derive' the landowners of the selected Title will automatically appear



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12. The 'Authorising party' is the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup





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Select 'Organisation' and enter the Shire details as follows



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13. Leave the 'Execution date' blank



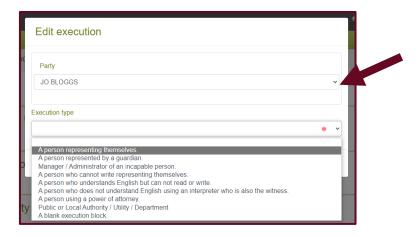
14. The 'Registered proprietor(s)(Land) execution' needs to be completed by the landowner



Where the landowner is a person, the most common selection is 'A person representing themselves'. Where you are unsure, you may need to speak with Landgate or seek legal advice to confirm this.



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Where there is more than one owner, you will need to repeat this step for each.

It should look similar to this with the landowner on the right, and witness on the left



Where the owner is a company, the most common selection is 'A corporation without a common seal', or 'A corporation with a common seal', however you may need to speak with Landgate or seek legal advice to confirm this.



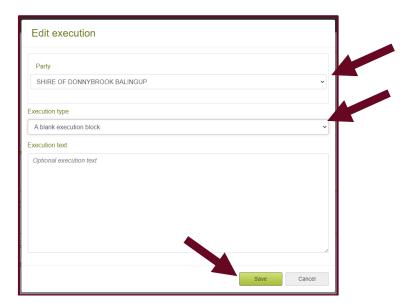


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15. The 'Authorising party execution' is the Shire, so will need to be added. Select 'Add'.



Select the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup and 'A blank execution block'



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16. Save the form and **print double sided**.





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17. The form is to be signed by the proprietor(s) and witnessed before submitting to the Shire for authorisation.

#### Please note:

- Ensure all witnesses include their full name, occupation and address on the form.
- Shire Officers will not witness a landowner signature.
- 18. Original completed forms can be submitted to the Shire for authorisation via the front counter or via post.

#### Please note:

- It is important that you review the completed form in great detail prior to submitting it to the Shire for authorisation as the Shire will not accept an incomplete or incorrectly completed form.
- It may take up to 10 days to have the completed form authorised by the Shire.
- 19. Once authorised, the Shire will return the original signed document via the post to the landowner/developer or the relevant lodging party. Alternatively, it may be picked up from the Shire with proof of identification.
- 20. The lodging party will need to lodge the completed Notification with Landgate and pay all relevant fees. A copy of the Lodgement Receipt is to be provided to the Shire for proof of submission.

