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TO: ALL LAND REGISTRARS
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LEGAL SURVEY EXAMINERS

THE LAND TITLES ACT
REG. 552, R.R.O. 1970
SEC. 16 AS AMENDED BY
O. REG. 448/76

THE REGISTRY ACT
REG. 780, R.R.O. 1970
SEC. 5 AS AMENDED BY
O. REG. 450/76

GUIDELINES FOR DUAL DIMENSIONS IN
DESCRIPTIONS

The recent amendments to the regulations prohibit dual dimensions on plans and require that measurements on a PLAN shall be shown either in metric or in imperial units, but not both.

With regard to metes and bounds descriptions dual dimensioning is not prohibited under the amended regulations, although such practice should be discouraged in the interest of converting our title records to metric terms as quickly as possible.

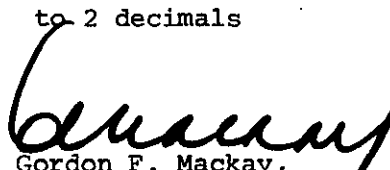
Where dual dimensioning in descriptions does occur at the insistence of a conveyancer, the comparison between metric and imperial measurements should be shown in schedule form with the following note:

"The measurements of distance in the metes and bounds description contained herein were originally expressed in imperial units, as shown in the following schedule.":-

In converting imperial measurements to metric measurements care should be taken to avoid dimensions that are inconsistent with the precision intended in the original description. In no case should a conversion be taken to more than 3 places of decimals and for most conversions in descriptions, 2 places of decimals are adequate.

The following decimal places are suggested when converting from imperial measurements:

<u>Original distance</u>	<u>Converted metric equivalent</u>
to nearest 0.01 feet	to 3 decimals
to nearest 0.1 foot)	
to nearest foot)	to 2 decimals
to nearest 1/8 inch	to 3 decimals
to nearest 1/4 inch)	
to nearest 1/2 inch)	to 2 decimals
to nearest inch)	


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