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## Department of Commerce consultation sessions

The Department of Commerce is holding a series of property industry feedback sessions on the Federal Government proposal to change a number of state-based occupational licences into national licences.

On 14 September 2012, the National Licensing Taskforce released the first wave of consultation drafts of legislation for reforming occupational licensing.

The real estate industry is among the first wave of occupations being considered for national licensing. Settlement agents are among the second wave of occupations being considered for national licensing.

Although the draft legislation is only for the real estate industry, common issues affecting both settlement agents and real estate agents (eg whether to have Compulsory Professional Development) may be determined during the first wave of legislation.

In order to understand the impact of national licensing and provide feedback on common issues, settlement agents should consider attending the Department's property industry feedback sessions being held in metropolitan and regional areas (please see the attached document for details).

Please note: the National Licensing Authority is also conducting consultation sessions but these will be from a national perspective. More information is available from [www.nola.gov.au/information-sessions](http://www.nola.gov.au/information-sessions).