

THE PUBLIC LAND CONSULTANCY

Independent professional advice and support for managers and users of public land

Environmental Law for Councils as Land Managers

A one-day course for Victorian Local Government

Client feedback –

“..your training is so valuable as it lifts awareness of key legislation that influences across many functions.”

“I really liked the commitment that you showed by getting back to people with specific questions – a level of service beyond the usual...”

When it comes to good environmental management, Victoria's municipalities should be leading by example.

This one-day course focuses on the land which Council itself manages, and the law governing its usage and protection.

The Day's Objectives:-

- To clarify which land a Council controls and manages, including reserves, roads, and roadsides
- To explain a Council's legal powers and obligations as land manager
- To provide a clear overview of environmental legislation, regulation and enforcement
- To introduce strategies for risk identification, prioritisation and management

Who should attend:-

Managers, professional, and technical staff – from on-the-ground operations supervisors through to senior managers.

Course presenter:-

Grant Arnold, Associate with The Public Land Consultancy

Cost

\$550 per student including course notes and GST. Discounts for host councils.

Course Content

- Overview of law and legislation – roles and responsibilities of governments and the courts
- Council as a manager of:-
 - Roads and roadsides
 - Crown land reserves
 - Rivers and coasts
 - Freehold land
- Councils' obligations for:-
 - native vegetation
 - Aboriginal heritage
 - wildlife and habitat
 - drainage and waterways
 - weeds and pests
 - pollution and waste management
- Councils' obligations under the planning system
- Risk management:-
 - A land manager's duty of care
 - Negligence, nuisance and the common law
 - Protections under the Wrongs Act 1958
 - The Road Management Act 2004
 - The law relating to electricity line clearances
- Emerging issues

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