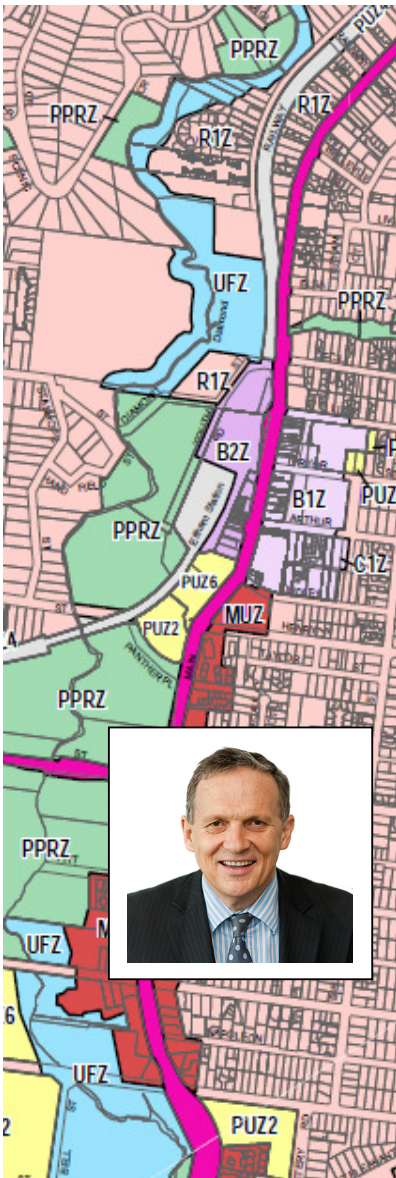


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## REFERRAL AUTHORITIES AND THE VICTORIAN PLANNING SYSTEM



### Course Content

#### Session 1 (3 hours) The planning system and law

- Planning Schemes
- Roles and responsibilities
- Role of referral authorities
  - Determining
  - Recommending
- Statutory obligations of referral authorities
- Sec 55 referrals and Sec 52 Notices
- Permit conditions –ensuring effectiveness and enforceability

#### Session 2 (3 hours) Planning processes

- VCAT – process and techniques to get the best outcomes
- Enforcement
- Planning Scheme Amendments
- Panel hearings
- Reducing unnecessary or low-value referrals
  - Analysing the need
  - Agreements with Councils
  - Planning scheme amendments

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