

# THE PUBLIC LAND CONSULTANCY

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

## RISK MANAGEMENT AND THE LAW

*A One-Day Professional Development Course  
For Managers of Roads and Public Land*

### COURSE CONTENT

#### The Risk: Injury to the Public

- A land manager's duty of care
- Negligence, nuisance and the common law
- Case law – some benchmark court decisions
- The *Wrongs Act* 1958 – Liability of public authorities
- Ensuring that claims against you are defensible

#### Road and Traffic Accidents

- The *Road Management Act* 2004 and Public Roads
- Roads which don't come under the RM Act
- Traffic Accidents and the TAC
- The law relating to roadsides, trees and footpaths
- The law relating to electricity line clearances
- Ensuring that claims against you are defensible

#### The Risk: Loss of your Assets

- Statistics: the likelihood of fire, storm, flood
- Risks from climate change; what is an Act of God?
- Valuations for insurance purposes

#### The Risk: Workplace Injury

- When parks and roads are 'workplaces'
- The Victorian Workcover Authority
- The *Occupational Health and Safety Act* 2004

#### The Insurance Industry

- Insurance policies; sub-limits; aggregation and subrogation
- Cover, premiums and excesses
- When to insure, and when to self-cover
- The roles of underwriters, brokers and loss adjusters

#### Managing Risk

- Ensuring that claims against you are defensible
- Risk management standards – ISO 31000 / 2009
- Who should carry the risk?
- Developing a risk management strategy

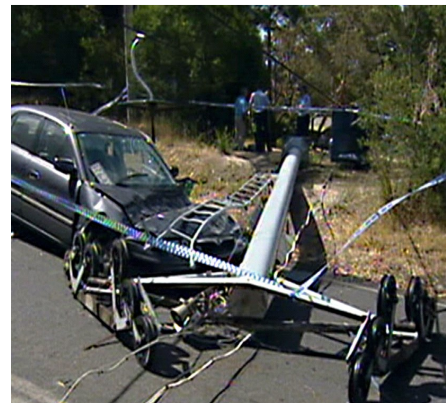


**COURSE PRESENTER**  
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### Course cost: \$550

including GST, course notes and working lunch

*Discounts for host organisations*

### Enquiries and registrations

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