THE PUBLIC LAND CONSULTANCY

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



Roads Governance

A three-session professional development course from The Public Land Consultancy

Session 1 What is (and what's not) a Road

- · Roads as road-users know them
- Roads as property lawyers know them
- 'Public Highways' and the common law
- Easements and common property roadways
- Physical roads on land other than road reserves
- Road reserves with no physical road on them
- Closed roads, discontinued roads, unused roads

Session 2

How Roads are Owned and Managed

- Disaggregating ownership, control, management
- The roles of councils, DTP (VicRoads) and utilities
- Road Authorities and the Road Register
- A road authority's duty of care and risk exposure
- Ownership of unused roads in old subdivisions
- Encroachments and 'adverse possession'

Session 3

Dealings with Roads

- · How roads are created and discontinued
- How they may be used for non-road purposes
- When and how they should be named
- Unused rural roads held under grazing licences
- Controls over vegetation, heritage, aboriginal sites
- How planning schemes deal with roads

And through all three Sessions... Acts of Parliament governing Roads

- The Road Safety Act 1986 and the Road Rules
- The Land Act 1958 and other Crown land acts
- The Local Government Acts 1989 and 2020
- The Subdivision Act 1988 and its predecessors
- The Road Management Act 2004 and Codes
- The Planning and Environment Act 1987

Roads, Streets and Lanes

... are high on the agenda of every municipality and public land manager.

Legal arrangements relating to roads are amongst the most complex areas of law and public policy...

This course is essential learning for engineers, planners, property officers and land managers

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"This course should be compulsory for all VicRoads technical staff" Senior VicRoads Engineer

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