



This one-day introduction to riparian governance in Victoria provides a sound background on existing law and policy and explores the potential for reform

For our report to DSE on the reform of riparian land governance, go to www.publicland.com.au/policy_reform.html

COURSE CONTENT

The Land Alongside Rivers

- Which riparian land is Crown land, which is freehold, and why
- What happens when a river changes course
- Riparian land legislation: the Land Act, the Crown Land (Reserves) Act, the Water Act, and the Planning & Environment Act
- The Murray River and the State border

Native Title and Aboriginal Heritage

- Native title along Victoria's waterways: its existence and its implications
- Cultural Heritage Management Plans under the Aboriginal Heritage Act

Riparian Agriculture

- Licences for Crown frontages; the LCC and VEAC recommendations
- From grazing to revegetation – the roles of law, policy and economics
- The Water Act and 'riparian rights'
- The problem of stock in the water

Protecting Riparian Values

- Planning Schemes – zones and overlays
- Works on waterways
- Weeds and pest animals

Community Engagement

- The evolving role of abutting landowners
- Three governance models for community involvement

Agency Roles and Responsibilities

- Catchment Management Authorities: their dual heads of power
- DSE and Committees of Management
- Other land managers: Parks Victoria and municipal councils

Strategies for Reform

- The Government's Biodiversity White Paper
- The proposed new Natural Resource and Catchment Authorities (NRCMs)
- The ongoing review of Crown frontage licences

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Cost

\$495 per person
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10 students

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