



# Native Title and Aboriginal Heritage

*An introduction to the legislation and policy for staff of local government and statutory authorities in Victoria*

## Session One (3 hours)

### Colonisation and Country

- Culture and Countries
- Victorian Aboriginal (Traditional Owner) nations/groups
- Colonisation of Victoria: key developments and patterns
- Victorian developments on treaty and truth-telling

### Native Title and the Law

- *Terra nullius* and the *Mabo* case
- The *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth)
- Key concepts: connection and extinguishment
- Types of claims: claimant, non-claimant, compensation
- Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs)
- The Federal Court and the National Native Title Tribunal
- The NT Service Provider; Registered NT Bodies Corporate
- Native title outcomes in Victoria to date

## Session Two (3 hours)

### Victoria's Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010

- How TOS Agreements align with native title
- Recognition and Settlement Agreements (RSAs)
- Components of RSAs: Land Agreements, Land Use Activity Agreements, Funding Agreements, Resource Agreements
- Aboriginal title
- Across Victoria: TOS Act outcomes to date.

### Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in Victoria

- From 'protecting relics' to 'living culture'
- The *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*: purposes and features
- Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) and the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council
- Various types of permit: CHPs, CHMPs, and PAHTs
- Offences and penalties
- Let's go beyond the letter of the law...

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