

THE PUBLIC LAND CONSULTANCY

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



Southbank: Perhaps Victoria's best-known example of public land reconfiguration, late 1980s. Previously a mess of semi-derelict industrial, commercial and warehouse buildings on Crown land leases.

A One-Day Professional Development Course for Urban Planners, Property Officers and Infrastructure Managers

Course Content

Analysing the Cadastre

Understanding the starting position from which our reconfiguration will proceed.

The Legislative Framework

The generic suite of powers normally available to municipalities, and the additional powers available to State development agencies for major projects

Reconfiguring Roads and Reserves

The various processes by which roads may be created, discontinued and deviated;

Crown and freehold reserves; how they may be put to new uses; how they may be created, varied, or disposed of altogether.

Which dealings may be subject to exhibition appeal and review.

Follow the Money!

What happens to the proceeds of sale of public land: how they may be retained for the benefit of the project.

Methodology for Mapping Change

Our own schematic system for conceptualising complex series of sequential land dealings.

Examples Studied

Footscray Station precinct

Starting point: a derelict bowling club, roads which aren't roads; 1960s over-engineered intersections; weed-infested railway land; an abandoned but historic bandstand; the footprint of a long-superseded school... **Finishing point:** market-ready freehold; rationalised road layout; station access and heritage values protected...

Mildura – Murray River Frontage

Starting point: Century-old mosaic of fragmented and dysfunctional land parcels; abandoned railway land; dysfunctional road layout; access barriers between river parklands and city centre; ... **Intermediate task:** a working tool-kit for assembly of development-ready parcels; reconfiguration of physical and legal access; appropriate recognition of Aboriginal heritage and Native title... **Ultimate target:** a proper relationship between Mildura city and the River Murray.

Geelong Station precinct

Starting point: bleak car park; second-hand car yard; abandoned railway tunnel; police and court premises with access issues... **Finishing point:** market-ready freehold; effective road layout; bus interchange, rationalised police reserve...

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\$550 per student

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Discounts for host organisations

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