



# Land Law for Managers of Rivers and Riparian Land

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

## Your Presenter



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## 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
- The Traditional Owner Settlement Act and Land Use Activity Agreements
- Cultural Heritage Management Plans under the Aboriginal Heritage Act

### Protecting Riparian Values

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

### Riparian Agriculture

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

### Community Engagement

- The evolving role of abutting landowners
- Models for community involvement

### Agency Roles and Responsibilities

- Catchment Management Authorities
- DELWP and Committees of Management
- Other land managers: Parks Victoria and municipal councils
- Water Authorities

### Ongoing Reform

- Camping on frontages
- Our recommendations to Government
- The ongoing review of Crown frontage licences

## Course Format

On-Line format: three two-hour sessions over successive days  
Alternative format: one-day face-to-face course in your offices

## Cost

\$440 per person  
including GST.  
Discounts for host  
organisations.

## Enquiries and Registrations

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