



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.

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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 landholders.
- Models for community involvement

Agency Roles and Responsibilities

- Catchment Management Authorities
- The Victorian Government and Committees of Management.
- Other land managers: Parks Victoria & councils.
- Water Authorities.

Ongoing Reform

- Camping on frontages.
- The ongoing review of Crown frontage licences and legislation.

Course Format

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

Cost

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