

ROAD CLOSURES AND DISCONTINUATIONS

*A half-day professional development course
from The Public Land Consultancy*



At the same time as new roads are being created through subdivisions, existing roads need to be reconfigured, closed, abandoned, and/or turned to new uses.

This can be an important part of the work of any municipality – urban or rural. And it can be a testing part of the relationship between councils, their residents and their ratepayers.

This half day course is designed for the many professionals called on to manage these processes: planners, engineers, property managers and governance officers.

The course is informed by many years of casework undertaken by The Public Land Consultancy for municipalities across the State, and by a series of contested cases in the Victorian County and Supreme Courts.

COURSE CONTENT

- **Unpacking the vocabulary:** what's meant by road, easement, public highway, lane and right-of-way; differentiating between discontinuation, closure and deviation
- **Disaggregating roles and responsibilities:** ownership, control, management and occupation of roads
- **Mapping the legislation:** Councils' powers under the *Local Government Act 1989* and Planning Schemes; DELWP's powers under *Land Act 1958*
- **Avoiding the legal pitfalls:** adverse possession; misleading title documents, incorrect sequencing of procedures; improper use of section 223

INQUIRIES

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COST

\$330 per student
including GST and course notes.
Discounts for host organisations

PRESENTERS

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Half-day duration
Maximum class size 10 persons

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