



# ROADS GOVERNANCE

*A three-session professional  
development course from The  
Public Land Consultancy*

## Session 1

### *What is (and what's not) a Road*

- Roads as road-users know them
- Roads as the Titles Office knows them
- 'Public Highways' and the common law
- Easements and common property roadways
- Physical roads on land other than road reserves
- Road reserves with no physical road on them
- Closed roads, discontinued roads, unused roads

## Session 2

### *How Roads are Owned and Managed*

- Disaggregating ownership, control, management
- The roles of councils, VicRoads/RRV and utilities
- Road Authorities and the Road Register
- A road authority's duty of care and risk exposure
- Ownership of unused roads in old subdivisions
- Encroachments and 'adverse possession'

## Session 3

### *Dealings with Roads*

- How roads are created and discontinued
- How they may be used for non-road purposes
- When and how they should be named
- Unused rural roads held under grazing licences
- Controls over vegetation, heritage, aboriginal sites
- How planning schemes deal with roads

## **And through all three Sessions...**

### *Acts of Parliament governing Roads*

- The *Road Safety Act 1986* and the Road Rules
- The *Land Act 1958* and other Crown land acts
- The *Local Government Acts 1989 and 2020*
- The *Subdivision Act 1988* and its predecessors
- The *Road Management Act 2004*
- The *Planning and Environment Act 1987*

## **Roads, Streets and Lanes**

... are high on the agenda  
of every municipality and  
public land manager.

Legal arrangements relating  
to roads are amongst the  
most complex areas of law  
and public policy...

This course is essential  
learning for engineers,  
planners, property officers  
and land managers

## **Presenter –**

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*"This course should be  
compulsory for all  
VicRoads technical staff"*  
Senior VicRoads Engineer

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