

Land Law for Service Utilities

A One-Day Course for Professional, Technical and Administrative Staff

COURSE CONTENT

Land Status and Control in Victoria

- An introduction to land status: freehold land, Crown land, Crown and freehold reserves, road reserves, vested land...
- How utilities hold, occupy and use land
- How planning schemes affect use and development
- Native title and protection of Aboriginal heritage
- Vegetation and heritage controls

Service Utilities' Powers over Land

- State legislation governing use of land by water, drainage, electricity and gas authorities
- Commonwealth/State law and telecommunications
- Powers of entry onto private land

Control and Use of Easements

- Subdivisions: creation of easements, common property, and reserves
- Extinguishment of easements
- How utilities on Crown land are authorised

Control and Use of Road Reserves

- The various legal categories of road
- Who owns and controls roads and lanes
- Use of road reserves for services
- The Road Management Act 2004 and Codes of Practice

Encroachments and their Consequences

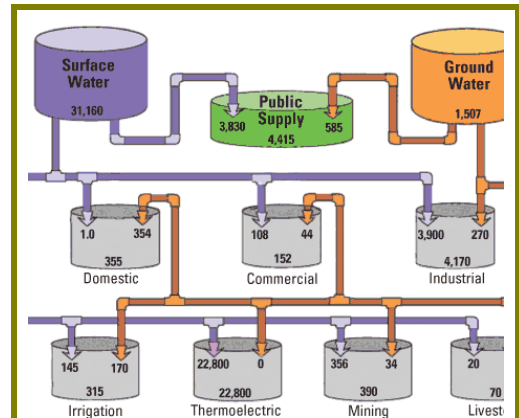
- The legal threats posed by encroachments
- How to legalise acceptable encroachments
- How to take action against trespassers and squatters



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Untangling the Web *Bureaucratic and Legal Jargon explained*

- Government Roads, Arterial Roads, Subdivisional Roads, Public Roads
- 'Adverse Possession' and 'Easement of Long User'
- Crown Allotments, 'Torrens' Title, and 'Old Law' Title
- Zones, Overlays, and Planning Scheme Amendments
- Crown Reserves; Temporary and Permanent Reserves; Freehold Reserves
- Easements – 'dominant' and 'servient' land; easements 'in gross'
- Acts of Parliament, Amendments, Regulations and By-laws
- Statutory Law and Common Law
- The Courts, VCAT and the Titles Office
- The Governor-in-Council, Orders-in-Council; the Government Gazette

Cost - \$550 per participant including GST, course notes and light lunch

Maximum Class Size - 10

Enquiries and Registrations

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