

Planning & Environment

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The Harwood Andrews Lawyers planning and environment team understand the challenges of operating in a highly regulated area. The depth of our experience in both the private and public sectors spans a broad range of industries including retail, residential development, commercial, industrial, aged care, wind and mineral resources.

Our experienced team provide practical commercial advice and represent clients in all aspects of planning and environment law and regulatory issues including:

- Planning permit approvals through VCAT, and on appeal at the Supreme Court
- Planning scheme amendment applications through both Planning Panels Victoria and the Growth Areas Authority
- Subdivision
- Development agreements and developer contributions
- Site acquisition and environmental due diligence
- Management of approvals, pollution abatement notices and clean up notices under the Environment Protection Act 1970
- Advising in the management and remediation of water

- pollution, waste management and air pollution contaminated sites, and the preparation of associated plans
- Heritage matters
- Aboriginal cultural heritage management plans
- Regulatory compliance, enforcement, prosecutions and defence
- Environmental Effects Statements, Native Title law, Commonwealth Environmental advice and approvals
- Compulsory acquisition, valuation and compensation
- Regulation of gaming machines and licensing
- Liquor licensing
- Water law
- Environmental sustainability
- Native vegetation and threatened species legislation
- Climate change
- Contaminated land issues
- Advice and drafting on agreements for joint venture and public/private partnership arrangements
- Advice on the tax implications of joint venture and public/private partnership arrangements



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Our Advantage and Expertise

Our team's experience and knowledge is gained from working extensively with statutory authorities and for private developers. We are committed to building a relationship with our clients that ensures we fully understand their legal needs and objectives across all aspects of building and planning approvals. Our focus is to deliver practical solutions and commercial advice aimed at solving matters in the quickest and most cost effective manner saving our clients both time and money. In the planning field we act at every stage of the rezoning and permit application processes. We assist clients with pre application meetings, supporting submissions and representation in planning forums such as the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Our team regularly appears on behalf of clients in planning appeals and also has broad network of professional contacts including barristers and expert consultants. This gives clients the piece of mind that if required Harwood Andrews can assemble a team of experts to represent and advise them regardless of how complex the issues. Our team is also experienced in the negotiation and drafting of planning agreements to secure client developments and operations. We are experienced in environment law and possess a detailed

knowledge of native vegetation, contamination and approval issues, Pollution Abatement Notices and Clean Up Notices with the EPA. We also have available to the firm a broad range of expert industry consultants. This gives our clients access to a team of specialists working together, who can move quickly to deliver solutions to what are often complex issues.

If you would like assistance with any planning and environment law issues please contact a member of the Harwood Andrews Lawyers dedicated planning and environment law team.

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