



## VCAT Planning Consultative Forums

The Planning and Environment List of VCAT proposes to conduct a series of consultative forums with stakeholder groups during 2008, including:

- Council planning officers
- Referral authorities
- Lawyers, planners and other consultants who regularly appear at the Tribunal, and peak body organisations
- Community planning groups

Their purpose will be to:

- Provide a forum for users of the Tribunal to raise issues regarding its processes and procedures.
- Give the Tribunal an opportunity to explain any recent changes to its practices within the organisation.
- Encourage discussion about matters of common interest to users generally or specific stakeholder groups, and suggest potential improvements.
- Consider the establishment of a small rotating users group that would meet periodically with the Tribunal.

Consultative forums will be held at the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal, Room 2.1, Level 2, 55 King Street, Melbourne from 4.30pm to 6.00pm as follows:

17 March 2008	Council planning officers
7 April 2008	Lawyers, consultants, peak bodies
26 May 2008	Referral authorities
7 July 2008	Council planning officers
28 July 2008	Lawyers, consultants, peak bodies
13 October 2008	Community groups

Three combined regional consultative forums will be held for council officers, referral authorities and local consultants as follows:

28 April 2008	Shepparton
16 June 2008	Gippsland
11 August 2008	Ballarat

"Operation Jaguar", initiated in 2003, introduced a series of reforms to the operation of the Planning and Environment List, including the establishment of Friday Practice Day hearings. The Tribunal maintains a process of continuous improvement with respect to its operations. It is keen to gather feedback on these reforms from users of the system and on its performance generally, as well as identify further areas of improvement.

The consultative forum will be open to anyone from relevant stakeholder groups provided they pre-register with the Tribunal. People who are interested in attending should register their interest by completing the attached registration form and returning via post or fax.

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**VCAT Planning Consultative Forums  
Registration Form**

Please complete registration form and return via post or facsimile to:

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Or

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Title \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the Forum you wish to attend:

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Details of any matters you would like raised at the forums:

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Would you like to be included on our mailing list for future VCAT events?

Yes

No

You will be sent a reminder prior to the relevant date. You may change dates, but are requested to advise Lauren beforehand if possible.

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