

VCAT representation and expert witness

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planning experts for your upcoming
VCAT case.

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Where you believe the Local Council have not assessed the objectives of the planning scheme correctly you can appeal the decision at VCAT. We will provide an expert town planning witness for your case.

At CS we use excellent negotiation skills reinforced by relevant planning legislation in order to obtain your desired outcome. Our VCAT experience is extensive and our success rate reflects this. We are skilled in representing residents, community groups, individuals or businesses.

Our experts can recommend if a barrister will add value to your case and if a mediation forum at VCAT is a better process for achieving the outcome you are seeking.

A planning appeal can only be lodged when the Council have issued a decision, a notice of decision or failed to make a decision within the prescribed sixty statutory business days from the date of application lodgement.

Appeal rights apply to permit applicants who have received a refusal decision or feel permit conditions are over or onus.

Appeal rights also apply to objectors who have made a submission to the Council or believe the development would have an adverse effect.

For permit applicants the following process applies:

- Within sixty days of receiving the official decision from Council our experts will lodge your formal application for review of the decision with the tribunal.
- As per VCAT requirements, your town planner will then serve notice of your application on the Council, objectors and the referral authorities (if applicable).
- VCAT will set a hearing date and your expert town planner will prepare and present your technical case, based on compliance with the planning scheme objectives on the nominated date.

For objectors the following process applies:

- Within twenty one days of receiving the notice of decision from Council our experts will lodge your formal application for review of the decision with the Tribunal.
- As per VCAT requirements your town planner will then serve your statement of grounds to the permit applicant and the Council.
- VCAT will set a hearing date and your expert town planner will prepare and present your technical case, based on non-compliance with the planning scheme objectives.

**CALL OUR EXPERTS
TODAY IF THE COUNCILS
DECISION IS NOT
REFLECTIVE OF THE
OBJECTIVES OF THE
PLANNING SCHEME.**

