

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PLANNING APPLICATION IS REFUSED

With our years of experience and background knowledge, we provide sound advice, document preparation and submission, and can appear as expert witnesses:



STEP 1

Lodge an appeal with VCAT. You will receive an initiating order with a hearing date and anything you are required to complete prior.



STEP 2

Send a written notice to council advising you are appealing their decision at VCAT.



STEP 3

Receive a list of neighbours and objectors from council. Parties can lodge a Statement of Grounds to allow the party to the hearing. You need to advise them in writing of the VCAT case.



STEP 4

You have an opportunity to amend the plans 33 days prior to your VCAT hearing, which may support your case. Written notice must be given to all parties.



STEP 5

An expert in planning will hear your case. Should your appeal be successful, you will receive a decision in writing 4-6 weeks after the hearing.

If your application is refused, you may have the option to appeal the decision in VCAT (Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal). The tribunal has the authority to oversee disputes relating to land use, including development, subdivision and refusal of planning permits.