

Development Advice, Planning Permits & Development Approvals



Acceptable housing provision and protecting the amenity of our suburbs has never been more important to the community. How do we accommodate population growth in a manner acceptable to local populations? How should proponents respond to these challenges?

With a deep understanding of the planning landscape across Melbourne, regional Victoria, and NSW, Beveridge Williams provides adaptable town planning services tailored to your project's unique needs. Our team is passionate, skilled, and dedicated to ensuring our clients achieve the best possible outcomes. We emphasise clear communication, technical understanding, integrity, and a problem-solving approach that achieves success.

This process can be complex, but our team's expertise ensures that projects are managed diligently, enhancing your project's success potential.

We support projects at any stage of the application process. However, engaging us early enables us to offer initial insights that can shape and refine project plans, potentially saving both time and resources by addressing considerations upfront.

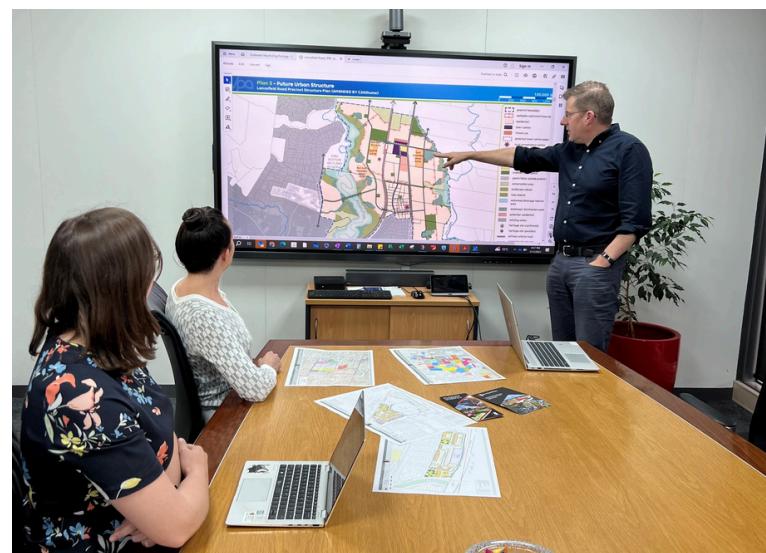
By collaborating with specialised consultants – such as surveyors, traffic engineers, and arborists – we ensure comprehensive support for each project. Beveridge Williams offers in-house services across landscape architecture, traffic and parking, waste management, survey, urban design, environmental assessments (contamination and groundwater), and engineering, providing a seamless experience for our clients, or our planners can work alongside your existing team.

Our Expertise

We provide a range of services including:

- Pre-Purchase and Pre-Application Guidance
- Comprehensive Town Planning Advice
- Code Assessment (including ResCode Assessments and Report and Consents)
- Planning Permit Applications
- VCAT Representation and Advocacy

Our land use, built form and infill specialists expertly navigate the Council planning process across a spectrum of residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and mixed-use developments.



Pre-Purchase & Pre-Application Guidance

Before committing to a property purchase or lease, we can provide expert planning guidance to inform your decision-making process. This may include a preliminary desktop review of site details or an on-site inspection with tailored advice. It may include a formal due diligence or feasibility assessment. Whether you have a project concept in mind or are exploring potential uses, our advice helps align your acquisition or sale with your objectives.

We advocate strongly for pre-application engagement with Council to streamline the application process. This allows any Council concerns to be addressed proactively.

Comprehensive Town Planning Advice

Maximise your land's potential with our in-depth planning advice, including a full analysis of applicable planning policy, Planning Scheme provisions, constraints, and opportunities. We identify potential planning challenges early on, to mitigate delays later.

Drawing upon our extensive experience, we provide detailed written and verbal planning advice on a wide array of topics, guided by the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and other relevant legislation and the relevant planning scheme.

Planning Permit Applications

From lodgement to decision, we offer comprehensive planning permit application services, managing all communications, submissions and negotiations. Throughout the process, we maintain communication with clients to ensure they stay informed every step of the way.

Our team also supports clients through public notice and objection phases, addressing feedback and managing the community engagement process.

Code Assessment

Our team excels in evaluating code compliance and works closely with builders, architects, and designers to address non-compliances and to justify variations where necessary.

Our expertise includes:

ResCode Assessments

- Clause 54: Single Dwelling Applications
- Clause 55: Multiple Dwelling and Apartment Applications
- Clause 56: Subdivision Applications
- Clause 58: Large Scale Apartment Applications

Report and Consent / Building Dispensations

- For variances to Part 5 (Siting) of the Building Regulations 2018, particularly in cases where Councils apply tailored zoning requirements. We can articulate how a variation aligns with the relevant Minister's Guidelines.

VCAT Representation & Advocacy

When planning disputes arise, or decisions aren't favourable, Beveridge Williams represents clients at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT). Our team is experienced in a wide range of planning matters.

VCAT plays a crucial role in the Victorian planning system, allowing appeals from applicants and objectors alike. Our full-service support includes application preparation, notice service, plan amendments, and representation at Practice Day Hearings, Compulsory Conferences, and Merits Hearings. For complex cases, we can coordinate with expert witnesses and legal representation to further strengthen your position and to increase the likelihood of a positive outcome.