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SPECIAL COUNSEL

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Ellen specialises in planning and environmental law across a variety of industry sectors.

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BACKGROUND

Ellen holds a Bachelor of Laws with Honours and a Bachelor of Arts from Monash University. She also worked in London from 2015-2017 on a wide range of planning matters.

KEY SERVICES

Environment, Planning and Communities
Real Estate Development

KEY SECTORS

Real Estate
Infrastructure

EXPERIENCE

Ellen provides strategic advice and helps developer clients manage the approvals processes for a wide range of projects, including urban renewal and redevelopment schemes, major commercial developments and infrastructure projects.

Her experience covers front-end transactional matters, including developing strategies for gaining necessary approvals required for major developments, advising on compliance with planning and environmental laws and conducting due diligences for various projects in the urban renewal, transport infrastructure and renewable energy sectors. Ellen also has extensive experience in representing clients before VCAT and Planning Panels Victoria concerning contentious permit approvals, compliance matters and planning scheme amendments for residential, commercial, energy and industrial developments.

Ellen's experience includes:

- acting for Rail Projects Victoria for the Melbourne Airport Rail and Melbourne Metro projects with strategic advice, assessment and approvals advice, and assisting with land acquisition and compensation matters
- advising property developers and investors on all aspects of major redevelopment projects, including strategic master-planning, liaising with stakeholders, development contributions, approvals conditions and planning agreements
- acting for developers within Melbourne's growth areas, including representation at Precinct Structure Plan Panel hearings, drafting development contributions / section 173 agreements and advising on staging approvals, GAIC and ongoing compliance matters
- acting for renewable energy developers and investors on a number of Victorian and interstate wind and solar farms, including obtaining planning approvals, advising on planning compliance matters and conducting due diligences