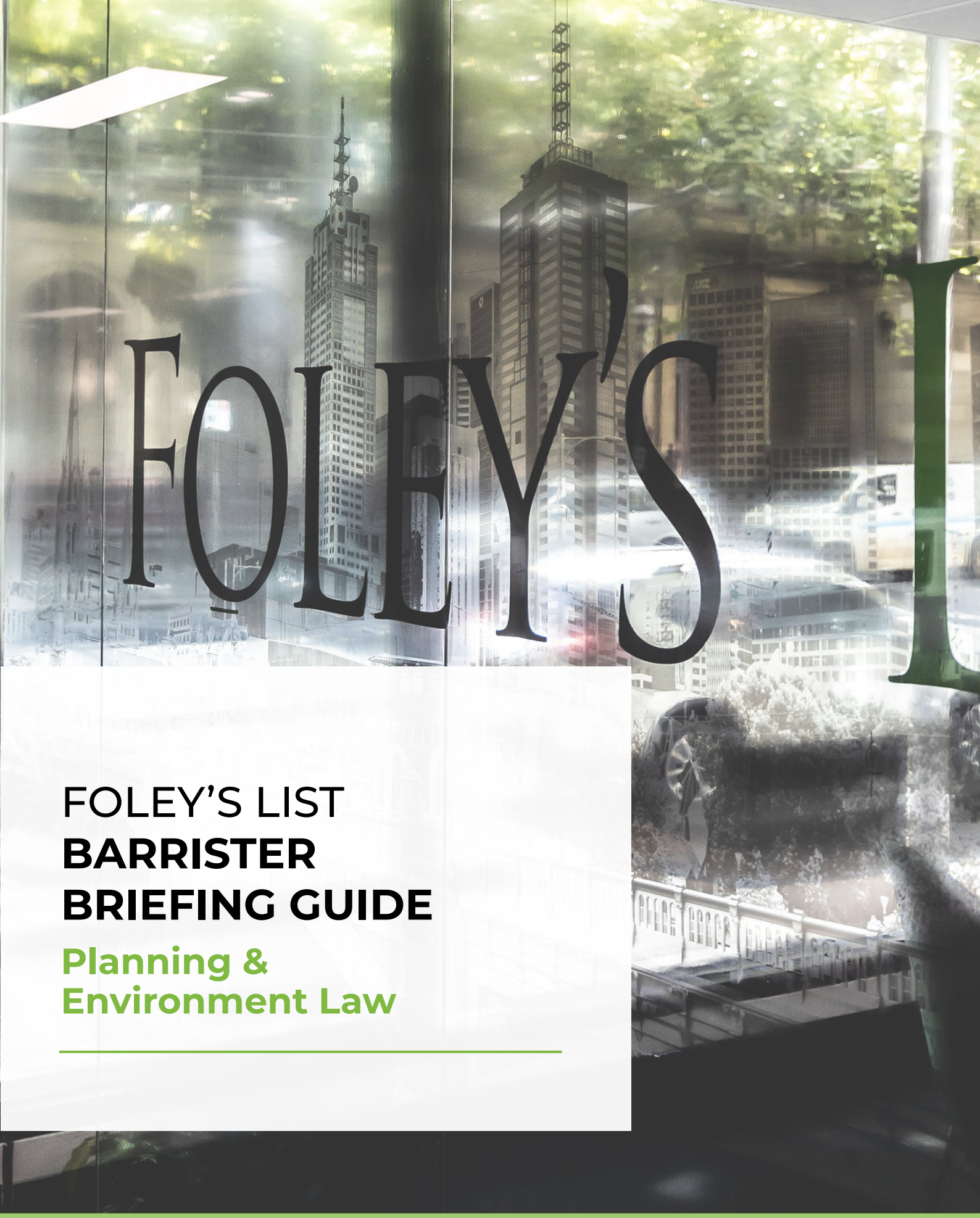


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When to brief counsel

Planning and environment matters often involve complex legal issues well before proceedings commence. Counsel can assist with planning scheme and statutory interpretation, permit and development issues, enforcement matters, compulsory acquisition, judicial review, and advocacy before VCAT, Planning Panels Victoria and the courts.

Early engagement of counsel can often assist in identifying issues, narrowing areas of dispute and providing strategic advice before positions become entrenched. Where appropriate, counsel may be briefed directly by organisations, government bodies, developers and other clients, or through their solicitor, depending on the needs of the matter.

How counsel can assist

Barristers provide independent legal advice, strategic guidance and specialist advocacy throughout the life of a matter. They work for and alongside solicitors, planning consultants, developers, government, councils and other professionals to advise, prepare submissions, review evidence, negotiate complex issues and represent clients in tribunals and courts.

Finding the right counsel

Foley's List has a list of over 30 planning and environment barristers, supported by a team of clerks with expert industry knowledge to help you find the right barrister for your matter. From early strategic advice through to representation in VCAT and the courts, our barristers advise and appear across the full spectrum of planning and environment matters.

Direct access matters

Where appropriate, counsel may be briefed directly without the need for a solicitor by individuals, government departments and statutory authorities, councils, developers and other clients. Foley's List can advise on when direct briefing is appropriate depending on the needs of your matter.



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As one of Foley's experienced clerks, Donna works closely with solicitors, planning and environment barristers and others to help identify the right counsel for each matter.

Prior to joining Foley's, Donna has worked at Rigby Cooke, Lander & Rogers, Corrs and Clayton Utz.

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Juliet Forsyth SC

Since joining the Bar in 2001, Juliet has specialised in planning, environmental, land valuation and administrative law. She regularly appears in the Supreme Court of Victoria, VCAT, Planning Panels Victoria and government inquiries. She appears for government, developer interests and community groups.



Peter O'Farrell KC

Peter's practice focuses on statutory approvals, planning and environment, property, land acquisition, valuation and compensation, building, administrative and government law and mediation across a broad range of matters before Courts, Tribunals, Advisory Committees, Commissions, Panels and Public Inquiries.



Paul Chiappi SC

Paul has an extensive practice in town planning, compulsory land acquisition and planning compensation, as well as valuation matters generally such as rating appeals. Paul's work includes appearances in the Supreme Court, VCAT, planning panels and advisory committees.



Emma Peppler SC

Emma specialises in planning, environment and property related matters in administrative, commercial, common law and criminal jurisdictions. Emma has been recognised as a preeminent junior counsel in planning and environment law in Doyles Guide for many years.



Bill Gillies

Bill Gillies has extensive experience particularly as an advocate at VCAT, acting in agricultural matters, for objectors and residential associations. He has appeared regularly at VCAT, planning panels and local governments. He is experienced in Water Act disputes and restrictive covenant disputes.



David R J O'Brien

David's main areas of practice include land valuation and compensation, equity, property, planning and environment law. He has appeared in the High Court, Supreme Court, County and Magistrates' Courts, VCAT and other forums including planning panels and inquiries.



Adele Patterson

Adele has extensive experience in local government and private sectors and in both the statutory and strategic planning disciplines. She has a strong background as an advocate before VCAT and Planning Panels Victoria, as well as in mediation and alternative dispute resolution.



Louise Hicks

Louise regularly appears in the Supreme Court, at VCAT and before Ministerial Panels and Advisory Committees in planning and environment matters including restrictive covenant disputes, planning merit cases/declarations and Water Act claims.



Jennifer Trewhella

Jennifer specialises in planning, environment, property and administrative law, including major infrastructure projects, compulsory acquisition, compensation, valuation and land tax disputes. Recognised by Doyle's Guide as a Leading or Preeminent junior barrister annually since 2017.



Ian Munt

Ian Munt specialises in land compensation and valuation, planning and environment, heritage, gaming, public law and property and leasing disputes. He has acted for an array of State and Local government authorities and private sector and community actors.



Sarah Varney

Sarah has acted for Councils, developers, objector groups and individual objectors in relation to mixed use developments, residential developments, renewable energy facilities, telecommunications towers, and distinctive areas and landscape committee reviews.



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Since joining the Bar in 2013, Natalie has specialised in public law and planning and environment law, property disputes and workplace law. She acts for government, community and private clients in merits and judicial review proceedings, regulatory matters, restrictive covenants and investigations. She regularly appears in VCAT, the ART, the Supreme Court and the Federal Court.



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Darren Bruno practises across public, industrial and commercial law for a range of government and private clients. His public law practice is broad and includes judicial review proceedings, merits review proceedings, disciplinary proceedings and regulatory prosecutions.



Carly Robertson

Carly has extensive experience in relation to planning and environmental law (including merits review hearings in respect of planning permits for private clients and government agencies), public and administrative law, major infrastructure projects, restrictive covenants and land acquisition and compensation.



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Marissa specialises in planning and environment law and compulsory acquisition. She is experienced in all matters arising under the P&E Act. She acts on behalf of claimants and acquiring authorities on major land acquisitions, in both the Supreme Court and VCAT.

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Eliza has a broad practice and specialises in land acquisition and compensation, land valuation, public and administrative law and environment and planning law. Eliza has specialised in these areas since commencing legal practice in 2000.



Samuel Burt

Samuel appears (both led and unled) in the Supreme Court of Victoria, the Federal Court of Australia, and the County Court of Victoria in a wide variety of matters. Samuel is commercial, practical, results-orientated and efficient.



Serena Armstrong

Serena is a planning, environment and public law barrister specialising in major infrastructure, mining, renewables, compensation, valuations and cultural heritage. She advises on native title, Aboriginal heritage, ICIP and treaty, and appears for developers, government and public authorities.



Travis Brown

Travis specialises in planning and environment law across multiple jurisdictions. He accepts briefs for planning appeals, enforcement proceedings, advising local government, property law matters, land acquisition and compensation proceedings, building disputes and building regulation.



Sean McArdle

Sean is an environment and planning specialist. Sean has appeared in several inquiries for major projects and regularly appears in VCAT and Planning Panels Victoria in a wide range of town planning and environmental matters.



Suganya Pathanjalimanoharar

Suganya practises in public, regulatory and commercial law, with particular expertise in environmental law. She regularly appears in VCAT and planning panels, as well as judicial review and appeal matters. She was previously a Principal Solicitor at the Environment Protection Authority Victoria.



Kate Lyle

Kate specialises in planning, environment, land acquisition and compensation proceedings and administrative law matters on behalf of both private and public sector clients.