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Gemma Robinson

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A Special Counsel in our Planning & Environment group, Gemma Robinson has significant experience in planning appeals, planning panels, legal agreement drafting, restrictive covenant matters and property due diligence in Victoria, Queensland and London.

Before commencing in legal practice, Gemma practiced as a town planner in multi-disciplinary consultancies, taking projects from due diligence through to the implementation of planning permits.

Gemma combines her town planning and legal experience, bringing a comprehensive understanding of projects to deliver commercial and strategic solutions.

In 2022, Gemma was recognised as a future leading lawyer in the Doyle's Guide, *Planning & Environment Rising Star – Victoria*.

Significant experience

Gemma's experience includes:

- Acting for a developer in a multi-faceted VCAT appeal for a large residential development in Fishermans Bend, Port Melbourne.
- Acting for the developer of a four-stage mixed-use development in the Footscray Activity Centre, comprising approximately 440 dwellings.
- Acting for developers on multi-residential apartment complexes and medium density developments before VCAT.
- Advising on the interpretation of restrictive covenants and acting on behalf of clients in the Supreme Court in applications to modify or remove restrictive covenants.
- Acting for an international solar energy provider in a VCAT appeal for a solar farm comprising approximately 125,000 solar panels.
- Acting for national developer in obtaining planning permits for the delivery of a 550-lot subdivision Casey Growth Area.
- Acting for a media company in a VCAT appeal for 300m2 projector display sign in the Melbourne CBD.
- Advising caravan park clients.
- Judicial review in the High Court (Queen's Bench Division, London) in relation to a large pedestrian and cycle way improvement scheme for works in West End, London, UK.

Expertise

Planning & Environment Property

Sectors

Hotels

Qualifications

Bachelor of Laws, Queensland University of Technology

Bachelor of Regional Town Planning, The University of Queensland

Memberships

Law Institute of Victoria

Victorian Planning and Environment Law Association