

Inquiry into the protections within the Victorian Planning Framework

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Issues I have:

- VCAT appeals and planning panel processes favour those who can afford lawyers and expert witnesses to represent them. Which is most often beyond the means of the average citizen who might want to object to the many proposals to over develop outside the intent of the Planning Scheme.
- Composition of Panels Victoria, VCAT and Great Ocean Road Regional Standing Committee (GORRSAC) members appear to be mostly planners, architects and engineers, with rare mentions of environmental qualifications.
- Various provisions contradict each other, leaving it up to a VCAT/panel member, who will invariably be an ex planner, to decide whether to err on environment/community or developers & so called 'progress'.
- Where the provisions contradict each other there needs to be a hierarchy set where environment and community come first and detrimental impacts of development, business, economy and tourism are put last.
- Coastal & regional planning appears to be tarred with an urban approach.
- Too many grey and discretionary areas created with words like 'should' rather than words like 'must' or 'shall'. The community & developers alike will all benefit from greater certainty.

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