



Thursday 20th July – Half Day Session

Applying sustainability provisions in planning schemes

Loci Environment & Place Inc. is a nonprofit change agent supporting knowledge growth and sharing among practitioners involved in shaping our cities for healthier environments and people.

Event: [Applying Sustainability Provisions in Planning Schemes](#)

Time: 9.30am-1.30pm

Venue: 3/124 Exhibition St, Melbourne 3000

Attendees: Local government planners, referral authority staff, planning consultants, environmental planners. Designed for people working with existing ESD controls, or for those considering their future application

Content

Planning scheme controls with links to environmental rating tools are playing an increasing role for cities in response to climate change, population growth and environmental pressures.

This course is designed to help planners apply current environmental planning provisions while also addressing ways future urban planning policies, controls and rating tools can be applied to achieve environmental objectives.

Learning Outcomes

- a) Provides Victorian and Melbourne context for current and potential site specific environmental controls
- b) Provides statutory planners with the process steps and information needed to meet provisions of:
 - i. State Planning Policies for Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD)
 - ii. Local Planning Policies for Environmental Sustainable Design (ESD) and WSUD
- c) Provides strategic planners practical knowledge and guidance for using information from ESD controls to inform related strategic planning such as housing, transport and carparking
- d) Provides environmental planners with an understanding of statutory planning processes and procedures
- e) The session will provide an overview of the BESS and STORM tools (however will not do this in detail).

We want attendees to leave the event:

- Knowing how the existing Victorian ESD and WSUD controls work
- Knowing how the existing ESD and WSUD controls could work better in future

Course Presenters:

Loci: Sheridan Blunt/Sarah Lamshed

CASBE: Shannon Best, CASBE

Specialist: Ian Adams, Organica Engineering

Evaluation Results

PIA Planet Training Seminar

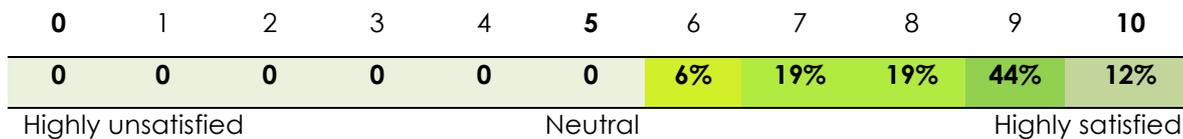
– Sustainability Provisions in the Planning Scheme

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22 people attended this training session hosted by Planning Institute of Australian (Vic) and run by Loci Environment & Place Inc. 17 evaluation forms were received and answers are compiled below (in green).

How satisfied were you with today's seminar?

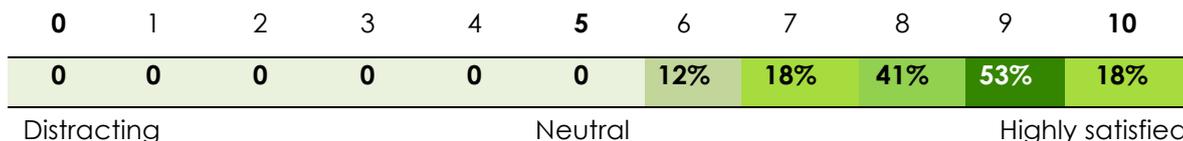
Average 8.4



What is your background?

Your background?	Response
Strategic Urban Planning	2
Statutory Urban Planning	8
Environmental Planning	4
Landscape Architecture	
Climate Change	2
Water Planning	2
ESD Planning	4
Community Development	1
Engineers	
Other (please state)	

On a scale of 0 to 10, how did you find the idea of having very diverse themes? Average 8.7



What was the most valuable part of this seminar for you?

41% Reminder of environmental context and local role	12% Opportunities for questions and feedback with specialists
18% Changing roles for future urban planning (eg transformative policy)	18% Learning from, and networking with fellow participants.
53% Learning more about existing Victorian Planning System and ESD provisions	6% Other – Learning about tools

What changes do you think today's session will generate for you?

29% Information and momentum to pursue sustainability initiatives in general (policy, projects, monitoring, communications, etc)	47% Information and momentum to pursue planning controls for sustainability	29% Information to advocate for more progressive urban planning solutions (moving away from 'path dependency')	6% No changes. Today was introductory only.
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Suggestions for how this training session can be improved:

- 1) Explain more clearly where we can find further training in detail.
- 2) Provide more exploration of where State Govt has touched on ESD outside of local approaches
- 3) Include State Govt input on timelines and thinking
- 4) Provide more practical use and examples
- 5) Last session was on weak side - could have been better executed
- 6) More Q&A with specialists
- 7) Include introduction to subdivision
- 8) Include biodiversity regulations

Quotes from participants

- 1) Introductory session was great.
- 2) Great session.
- 3) This was a good refresh for me on where environmental provisions are in the planning scheme and what tools are available to assess environmental sustainability for developments.
- 4) Good, good. As a planning virgin, I am looking at taking a more active role in the ESD space at Council
- 5) Great program. As a graduate planner and environmental planning believer this was a great introduction. I am very excited, grateful to be part of this group. This program emphasised my ideas and beliefs in environmental planning through statutory provisions.
- 6) It was a good program well delivered but more suitable for introduction rather than current practitioners.
- 7) Sheridan was great, good energy.
- 8) Thankyou for sharing your knowledge.