



Robert Milner

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Career Overview

Rob Milner is a respected strategic and statutory planner and a recognised leader of the planning profession in Victoria. He has had a high-profile career spanning more than 45 years with extended periods of experience working for local government and in private practice. His clients have included many State government agencies (including planning, community development, justice, roads, growth areas and regional development), municipalities throughout Victoria, as well as a broad range of corporate and other private sector interests. He has a reputation for integrity, objectivity, an original style of evidence and for providing clear and fearless advice to proponents and objectors; the responsible authority; claimants and government agencies. Particular expertise is in complex and controversial projects, gaming matters, acquisitions and restrictive covenants.

Areas of Expertise and Experience

- Strategic studies,
- Policy development,
- Statutory implementation,
- Expert evidence,
- Gaming policy and applications,
- Complex strategic land use issues,
- Restrictive covenants,
- Public land acquisitions and compensation,
- Planning organisational audits and process reviews

Rob is regularly retained to provide expert evidence to courts, panels and tribunals on the broadest range of land use and development planning issues. He is able to evaluate and form a robust opinion on complex matters quickly and has a capacity to manage a considerable body of work in an efficient and timely manner.

Rob is also an acknowledged advocate and negotiator and is regularly engaged in development approvals and rezoning projects where process and relationships need to be carefully nurtured to ensure a viable and timely outcome.

Qualifications and Positions

Principal

Milner Planning Advisory
2022 – Present

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Kinetica Studio
(formerly David Lock Associates)
2019 – 2022

Director

10 Consulting Group Pty Ltd
2010 – Current

General Manager, Planning

CPG Australia Pty Ltd
(formerly the Coomes Consulting Group)
1999 – 2010

Director

Rob Milner Planning Pty Ltd
and Savage Milner
1994 – 1999

Project Director

Collie Planning and Development
1991 – 1994

General Manager, Town Planning

Jones Lang Wootton
1988 – 1991

City Planner

City of Box Hill
1980 – 1988

Planner

Perrott Lyon Mathieson,
Architects and Planners
1977 – 1980

Planner

Kirklees Metropolitan Borough
Council (UK)
1976 – 1977

Diploma in Town and Country Planning (First Class Honours)

Liverpool Polytechnic

Life Fellow Planning Institute of Australia

Fellow of the Victoria Planning and Environmental Law Association

Former State and National President of the Planning Institute of Australia

Member, Planning and Local Government Advisory Council

1994 – 1999

Deputy Chairman

Future Farming Expert Advisory Group
2009