



# VCAT Update

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MGV Country Conference - October 2019**

**VCAT** | victorian civil &  
administrative  
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# Case Numbers

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 (1st Qrt)
Valuation of Land Act 1960	62	61	98	83	52
Compensation	7	15	1	15	14
Other	7	7	8	1	2
Total	76	83	107	99	68

- **70 pending cases, this time last year 45 pending cases**

# Changes

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- **New Division – Planning and Environment Division**
- **Head of Division and Head of List**
  - Deputy President Teresa Bisucci
- **Deputy Head of List (Legal)**
  - Senior Member Carol Daicic
- **New Sessional Members appointed**
  - Christopher Torr

# Issues

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- Who is the Valuation Authority?
- Advocate v Expert
- Review of a valuation not a mass valuation
- Entered into the Justice system (VCAT Act)

# Digital update

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- on-line application forms and fee payments
- e-file and e-lodgement of documents
- electronic communications between VCAT and parties
- business and process reform, rather than electronic replication of existing manual requirements
- Stakeholder Engagement – November/December

# Focus

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- Head of List directive on compliance to Practice Note (PNVCAT1)
- Key issues in dispute for Compulsory Conference
- More active case management
- Alternate valuations
- Concurrent evidence
- Digital hearing