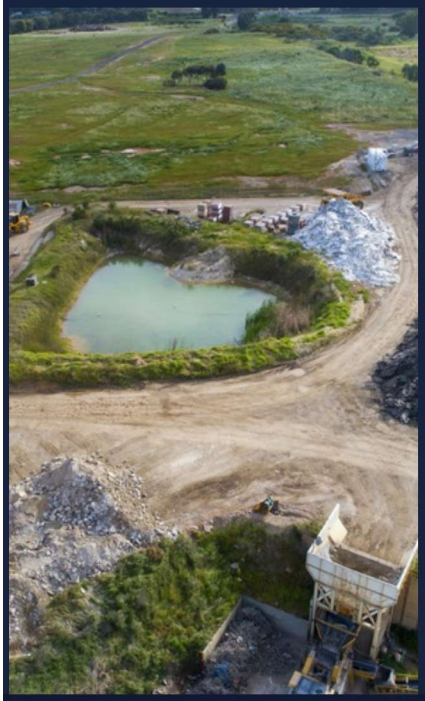


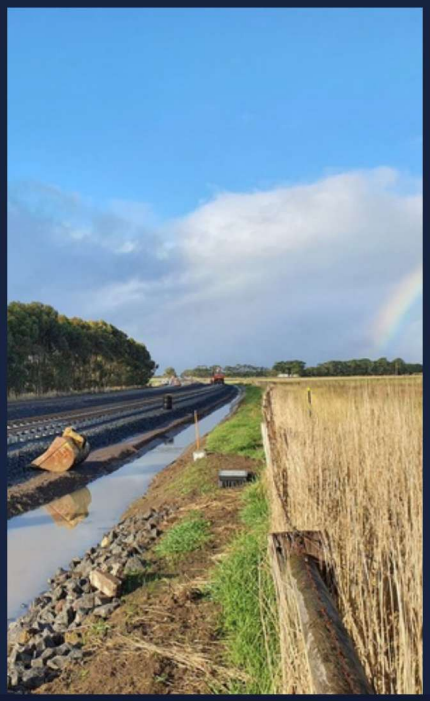


SPM Environment and Planning Specialists

Navigating Complexity with Certainty.









ABOUT SPM

Specialist approvals and strategic advice, since 2018.

Why clients choose SPM.

Since 2018, SPM has guided clients through environmental regulation and the approvals pathway from our base in Torquay. Our objective is simple: approval applications that address risk up front and avoid unnecessary delays and costs.

We're in the business of navigating complexity and making it simple. We know what regulators look for and how to get applications right the first time. We work as part of your project team from inception through to operation, turning knowledge into action with clear, practical, commercially focused advice. When challenges come up, we find a way through.



The right advice. Better decisions. Risks addressed, faster outcomes.

2018	150+	100+	100%
Established operations	Years of collective experience	Approvals secured	Approvals success rate

OUR APPROACH

Navigating Complexity. Expertise That Makes a Difference.

Environment and planning approvals can be slow, costly and stressful, and a weak application can set a project back months. SPM takes that burden off your hands.

Our team brings more than 150 years of combined experience across manufacturing, waste and resource recovery, data centres, renewables, and marine and coastal projects, including aquaculture and coastal hazard. It includes former EPA Victoria regulators, so we know how regulators think and what they need to see.

We work closely with you to tailor the assessments your project actually needs, compile your environment and planning applications and negotiate with regulators on your behalf.

Because we stay across current legislation, standards and guidelines, your application contains the right information the first time. That means fewer requests for more information, fewer delays and lower costs.

Why clients choose SPM

Partnership

Your approvals team from feasibility to operation.

Staying with the project from the first approvals check to compliance once a site is running.

Trust

Former EPA regulators who get your approvals right the first time.

Tony Robinson spent 26 years with EPA Victoria; Jacquelle Gorski's career also spans EPA Victoria.

Results

100+ approvals with a 100% success rate, so projects are delivered on time.

Across EPA permissions, planning, Commonwealth and coastal approvals.

WHAT WE DO

Ten services, one approvals team.

Most projects draw on several of these, from the first check of which approvals apply to compliance once a site is operating.

Our services

SERVICE	WHAT IT COVERS
Approvals & Consents	EPA development and operating licences, development licence exemptions, planning permits, EPBC Act referrals, Environment Effects Statements, Marine and Coastal Act consents.
Impact Assessments	Environmental assessments and risk-based impact evaluation, including Air quality, odour, noise, surface water and groundwater, land contamination, biodiversity, cultural heritage, human health risks.
Compliance & Risk	Environmental compliance programs, monitoring frameworks, Risk Management and Monitoring Programs (RMMPs), environmental management plans, audits and compliance reporting, responding to EPA Notices and practical risk management.
Environmental Planning	Strategic planning advice, statutory pathways, due diligence and constraints analysis, catchment management permits, coastal hazards considerations that support feasibility.
Advisory Services	Strategic advice on environmental risk, due diligence, regulatory obligations and approvals pathways, ESG and sustainability integration. Project lifecycle support runs from feasibility, design and construction through to post-approval compliance, facility expansions, decommissioning and closure.
Project Lifecycle Support	Environmental management, stakeholder engagement and construction support from feasibility and design through to operation, including post-approval compliance, facility expansions, decommissioning and closure.
Air Quality Assessments	Air quality impact assessments, odour and dust management plans, emissions inventories and dispersion modelling, separation distance assessments, and monitoring and complaint investigation.
Human Health & Environmental Risk Assessments	Level 1 screening and Level 2 site-specific risk assessments, conceptual site models, exposure pathway assessments, and risk-based criteria to support approvals and site management.
Stakeholder & Community Consultation	Stakeholder and community engagement plans, community information sessions and drop-ins, consultation with councils, Traditional Owners and agencies, submission analysis and response reports, and ongoing community liaison.
Expert Witness	Expert evidence statements, peer review of technical reports, appearances at VCAT, planning panels and courts, expert conclaves and joint reports.



SECTORS

Six sectors, we know well.

Each sector has its own regulatory triggers. These are the areas where our services fit.

01 Waste & Resource Recovery

EPA permissions, planning approvals, facility expansions, Risk Management and Monitoring Programs, auditing and ongoing compliance for waste, organics and resource recovery sites; odour and dust assessment.

Clients include: Autocycle, Cleanaway, Close the Loop, Gaia Envirotech, Pinegro, Repurpose It, ReSource, Van Schaik's Bio Gro, Veolia Recycling and Recovery, Waste Services



02 Renewable Energy & Infrastructure

Approvals, impact assessment, ecology and EPBC Act, cultural heritage, andconstruction-phase support for transmission, storage, port and rail projects.

Clients include: Acciona Genus Joint Venture, Downer EDI, Downer Utilities, Marinus Link, Samsung C&T, Djilang Alliance



03 Manufacturing & Food/Agri Business

EPA licences, permissions and exemptions, regulatory strategy, air quality, odour and risk assessment, and facility expansion support.

Clients include: Acquos, Ararat Meats, Australian Meat Group, Clariant, Fulton Hogan, J. Furphy & Sons, Lyka, Maas, Schulz Milk, Talbina Feedlot



04 Data Centres & AI Industry

Early checks against EPA permitted activity thresholds, development licence applications, technical advice and project management of noise, air quality and health risks from backup generator emissions, fuel storage risks and post-approval compliance support.

Clients include: Confidential



05 Marine & Coastal

Marine and Coastal Act consents, baseline studies, impact assessment, stakeholder engagement and EES support for coastal infrastructure.

Clients include: Agilitus, Balmoral Quay, Better Boating Victoria, Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority, Port of Hastings Corporation,



06 Local Government & Public Sector

Development licence exemptions, EPA approvals and compliance advice for FOGO composting, organics and waste transfer infrastructure.

Clients include: Ararat Rural City Council, City of Greater Geelong, East Gippsland Shire Council, Hindmarsh Shire Council, Southern Grampians Shire Council,



PROJECTS

Waste and Resource Recovery.

Projects and client engagements across the sectors

Waste & Resource Recovery





CLIENT AND PROJECT	SPM ROLE AND SCOPE	OUTCOME
ReSource E-waste processing, Derrimut	Development licence application and Risk Management Monitoring Program for Victoria's first battery and e-waste recycling facility; operating permits, exemptions and compliance advice.	Development licence and Risk Management Monitoring Program delivered. July 2023
Van Schaik's Bio Gro Dandenong South transfer station, Newbridge compost facility	Project manager and technical coordinator to establish a large organic resource recovery facility; Development licence, Planning permit, Risk Management Monitoring Program, compliance and facility expansion support. Also supported the Dandenong South transfer station.	Development licence for the Newbridge facility expansion. December 2024
Veolia Recycling and Recovery Landfill, composting and resource recovery, multiple Victorian sites	Environmental approvals, compliance and strategic advice on EPA approvals; operating permits and exemptions. Various operations including Echuca Resource Recovery Centre, Taylors Road Landfill and Bulla Composting.	Development licence exemption application and operating permit for the Echuca RRC June 2025
Pinegro Mount Wallace and Morwell sites (organics)	Development licence applications, Risk Management Monitoring Programs, operating permits and exemptions, compliance and regulatory advice, and facility expansion support	Development licence for Morwell, June 2026. Development licence and amendments for Mt Wallace, March 2025.
Close the Loop Soft plastics recycling facility	Environmental advisor after EPA issued a Prohibition Notice; worked with the client for more than 12 months on site activities to comply with EPA requirements.	Technical advisory and commissioning program implemented, EPA Prohibition Notice revoked. January 2024.
Autocycle Proposed tyre recycling facility, Corio	Developed and implemented a targeted Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), including stakeholder consultation, tailored communications, feedback management, and reporting to support EPA and DTP submissions.	Supported project progression through stakeholder engagement and social licence development in 2026.
Cleanaway Waste transfer facility, Rokeby, Tasmania	Provided planning, environmental approvals and compliance advice to support Cleanaway's relocation from Invermay to Rokeby.	Enabled progression of the Rokeby relocation through environmental and planning requirements in 2026.
Gaia EnviroTech Gaia EnviroTech anaerobic digestion and rapid composting technology.	Environmental impact and baseline assessments of Gaia EnviroTechs' Rapid Composting System to support existing operations and future facilities.	Supported key EPA approvals, including Development Licence Exemption, A16 permit and A14 permission pathways.
Repurpose-it Resource recovery facility, Epping	Environmental approvals, EPA permissions, environmental risk and compliance advisory.	Progressing EPA permissions, Risk Management Monitoring Programs, waste designations and licence pathways in 2026.

PROJECTS

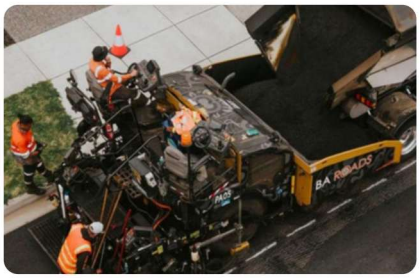
Manufacturing & Food / Agribusiness.

EPA licences, permissions and exemptions for industry, and early EPA checks for data centres and AI infrastructure.

Manufacturing & Food/Agribusiness







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Acquos Acrylic polymer manufacturing	Environmental advice, project management and EPA development licence applications for expansion of the liquid and powder emulsion polymers manufacturing plant; coordinated air quality, odour and noise assessments; risk assessments.	Development licence approved, subsequent amendment approved April 2025 .
J. Furphy & Sons Furphy galvanising, Shepparton and Geelong	Development licence applications, EPA permissions and exemptions, regulatory strategy, compliance and operational support, facility expansion.	Development licence approved, April 2023.
Fulton Hogan Asphalt batching plants: Mildura, Warrnambool, Brooklyn, Dandenong and Lara	Five development licence and exemption applications, and strategic advice, for asphalt batching, recycled asphalt and glass crushing plants.	Five Development licence and exemption applications approved, 2023-2025 (Warrnambool, Mildura, Dandenong).
Clariant Chemical manufacturing	EPA permissions and exemptions, regulatory strategy, compliance and operational support, facility expansion.	Confirmed EPA licence exemptions, avoiding unnecessary regulatory requirements, 2026.
Lyka Pet food manufacturing	Environmental approvals, planning, sustainable design and waste management support for the facility expansion.	Delivered EPA approval documentation to support establishment and expansion of the Dandenong South facility, 2022-2025.

PROJECTS

Renewable Energy & Infrastructure / Data Centres.

Approvals, impact assessment, ecology and EPBC Act, cultural heritage, and construction-phase support for transmission, storage, port and rail projects.

Renewable Energy & Infrastructure / Data Centres





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Downer Utilities Dundonnell Transmission Line (Tilt Renewables wind farm), south-west Victoria	Environmental support and strategic advice: approvals, management and compliance, ecology, cultural heritage, risk and impact assessment, design and construction support.	Approvals and compliance achieved - project operational since June 2022
Marinus Link Pty Ltd **Samsung C&T & DTI JV** **(Tas Vic Greenlink)** Marinus Link early works approvals	Environmental advisory for the Gippsland land corridor, supporting planning, approvals and on-ground delivery of the 90 km underground transmission component.	Early works advisory complete June 2026
Samsung C&T Battery energy storage system (BESS), Gnarwarre	Environmental advisor supporting construction of a large battery storage facility: approvals, management and compliance, ecology, construction support.	Approvals and construction milestones achieved, September 2026
Port of Hastings Corporation (PoHC) Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal (VRET), Western Port	Environmental advisor establishing baseline and impact environmental assessments for a renewable energy terminal; ecology, environmental and risk management, EES support and strategic advice.	Enabled completion of the VRET technical impact assessments in 2025.
DT Infrastructure Warrnambool Line Upgrade 1 & 2	Approvals, strategy and advisory; management and compliance; ecology; cultural heritage; risk and impact assessment; design and construction support.	Secured statutory approvals, enabling project delivery in 2022.
Acciona Genus JV Western Renewables Link	Approvals, strategy and advisory; management and compliance; ecology; cultural heritage; risk and impact assessment; design and construction support.	Supported project delivery through complex environmental and planning requirements - 2026
GB Energy Gas storage project, Golden Beach gas field	EPBC Act and Environment Effects Act self-assessment to determine whether a referral to the Commonwealth and State governments was required; ecology; cultural heritage.	Completed EES and EPBC self-assessments supporting project progression in 2025.
Djilang Alliance South Geelong to Waurn Ponds Rail Duplication (Rail Projects Victoria)	Land, Planning and Environment (LPE) advisor to the alliance of Downer, McConnell Dowell, Arup and WSP; compliance, risk and impact assessment, design and construction support.	Enabled compliant project delivery through to completion in 2024.

PROJECTS

Marine & Coastal and Local Government.

Marine and Coastal Act consents and coastal impact assessment, plus EPA approvals and compliance for council waste and organics infrastructure.

Marine & Coastal

PROJECTS





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Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority Apollo Bay, Kennett River and Fisherman's Beach	Marine and coastal specialist: environment and planning applications, including consents under the Marine and Coastal Act 2018 and the Siting and Design Guidelines for Structures on the Victorian Coast 2020; impact assessment; stakeholder engagement.	Secured key approvals for coastal infrastructure upgrades across Apollo Bay, Kennett River and Fisherman's Beach. 2024-2026.
Balmoral Quay Marine and coastal approvals	Marine and Coastal Act consents, planning and approvals support, impact assessment, environmental management, stakeholder engagement.	Delivered marine and coastal approvals supporting the residential development and associated coastal works. 2019-2023.

Local Government & Public Sector

PROJECTS





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City of Greater Geelong Organics resource recovery facility and waste transfer station	Development licence exemptions, EPA approvals, risk assessment, compliance advice and regulator engagement for organics and waste transfer infrastructure.	Two development licence exemptions delivered to service municipal FOGO collection and composting 2025 - ongoing .
East Gippsland Shire Council Environmental advisory	Development licence exemptions, EPA approvals, organics and waste transfer infrastructure, municipal FOGO support, regulator engagement.	Enabled statutory planning and environmental outcomes for significant regional development projects. 2022-2023.
Southern Grampians Shire Council Environmental advisory	EPA approvals, risk assessment, compliance advice, organics and waste transfer infrastructure, regulator engagement.	Progressed EPA approvals for Hamilton's FOGO processing infrastructure, supporting Council's organic waste diversion objectives.
Ararat Rural City Council Environmental advisory	EPA approvals, risk assessment, compliance advice, regulator engagement.	Addressed EPA compliance issues and resolved community environmental concerns. 2025-2026.

OUR TEAM

The people who do the work.

Principal consultants with 20 to 35 years' experience, including former EPA Victoria regulators, supported by senior and environmental consultants.



Dr Jacquelle Gorski

BSc (Hons) PhD

Managing Director and Principal Consultant

Jacquelle Gorski has more than 25 years' experience delivering environmental and planning approvals for significant projects across Victoria. Her career spans EPA Victoria, a multinational consultancy and, since founding SPM, its leadership as Managing Director.

She leads multidisciplinary teams through statutory planning, environmental impact assessments, Environment Effects Statements and environmental management frameworks, coordinating engineers, scientists, planners and lawyers. A skilled communicator with extensive stakeholder and regulator liaison experience, Jacquelle gives clients a clear approvals pathway from the outset and a team that sees it through to delivery.



Jeremy Clifford

BSc (Aquatic/Hons)

Principal Environmental Consultant

Jeremy Clifford has more than 20 years' experience as an environmental advisor and consultant, delivering approvals, impact assessments and compliance for major infrastructure, large-scale construction, industry and state government projects.

His expertise covers environmental baseline studies, approvals strategy, planning processes and the scoping, design and delivery of large-scale environmental monitoring programs. Jeremy manages complex applications such as EPA development licences, from building the technical case to construction environmental management plans and meeting approval conditions.



Tony Robinson

B.Eng (Chem)

Principal Environmental Consultant

Tony Robinson has more than 35 years' experience in environmental regulation, approvals and compliance, including 26 years with EPA Victoria and six years with Earth Resources Regulation.

A chemical engineer with more than 25 years in management and senior leadership, he has led regulatory teams on assessments, compliance and technical advice across a wide range of industries. Tony advises on air, water, noise, land, waste and environmental risk. He communicates clearly with government, industry and community, knows where applications tend to stall and finds workable options before issues cause delays.



Suzy Love

B.AppSc (Planning)

Principal Planning and Environmental Consultant

Suzy Love has more than 20 years' experience delivering land, planning and environmental approvals for major transport and infrastructure projects across Victoria. She specialises in statutory approvals, environmental assessment, Marine and Coastal Act consents and stakeholder engagement, and interprets federal and state legislation such as the Marine and Coastal Act 2018, Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Qualified in urban planning and property valuation, with Sustainability & Social Impact accreditation, Suzy maps the approvals pathway early and delivers compliant, community-focused outcomes with a passion for sustainability.

OUR TEAM

Senior consultants and business support.

Technical assessments, monitoring and compliance systems, backed by financial and business management.



Steven Fox

B.Env.Sc M.Env.Sustainability

Senior Environmental Consultant

Steven Fox has more than 15 years' experience in environmental compliance, sustainability strategy and regulatory approvals across complex, multi-site industrial operations. His expertise covers environmental management systems (ISO 14001), impact assessment, regulatory assurance and environmental risk management.

Steven has led compliance programs, audits and inspections against State and Federal legislation, and works with site and management teams to turn obligations into systems that work day to day. Experienced in stakeholder engagement, regulator liaison and executive reporting, he gives clients practical advice that reduces regulatory risk and improves environmental performance.



Lewis Butler

M.Env.ScTech B.Sc (Env. Sc)

Senior Environmental Consultant

Lewis Butler has more than five years' experience in environmental and human health impact assessment, environmental risk management, regulatory approvals and air quality across a range of industry sectors. He has particular strength in air quality modelling, predicting emissions impacts and showing how projects can meet EPA's air quality requirements.

Lewis evaluates impact pathways from source to receptor, designs and implements environmental monitoring programs, interprets complex data and prepares the technical reports that underpin approvals and compliance. He has managed multidisciplinary projects, coordinating specialists, regulators and stakeholders.



Madison Fraser

B.Env.Sc

Environmental Consultant

Madison (Maddy) Fraser has a strong background in aquatic ecology, environmental science and site investigation, built through academic research and applied project work. Her experience covers surface water sampling and monitoring, environmental impact assessment, ecological assessment, , environmental risk assessment and data analysis.

Madison contributes to site investigation plans, risk assessments and technical reports that comply with Victorian legislation and guidelines, and communicates findings clearly to technical and non-technical audiences, giving decision makers accurate, well-documented field data and a sound evidence base.



Ruth Creati

B.A. Cert IV Bookkeeping

Business Manager

Ruth Creati has more than 25 years' experience in financial and business management, supporting organisations through finance and administration roles. Her expertise covers bookkeeping, payroll, budgeting, reporting and statutory compliance, along with project management, HR administration and OHS compliance.

As SPM's Business Manager, Ruth brings a strong work ethic and a commitment to strategic and operational excellence, keeping the business side of the company running smoothly so the consulting team can stay focused on delivering for clients.

CLIENT FEEDBACK

In our clients' words.

Excerpts from testimonials provided by SPM clients.

"I have always found Jacquelle and the team at SPM to be very professional in their approach to supporting our company … Their industry knowledge is second to none."

Stephen Van Schaik, Managing Director, Van Schaik's Bio Gro

"Together we achieved our goal of approval for a Development Licence … What we valued most were SPM employees, in our case Jeremy Clifford and Lewis Butler."

Valentino De Fazio, Managing Director, Acquos

"SPM's expertise, diligence and proactive approach were instrumental in guiding the Gnarwarre BESS Project through critical environmental approvals and construction milestones."

Tatira Tatira, HSE Manager, Samsung C&T

"SPM has been a trusted partner, providing knowledgeable, responsive and outcome-focused support across a range of waste management initiatives."

Andrew Lucas, Coordinator Waste Management, City of Greater Geelong

"SPM's professionalism, reliability, and ability to deliver quality results in challenging coastal environments are standout strengths. We would not hesitate to engage SPM again."

Ian Le Griffon, Capital Works Project Lead Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority

"SPM's expertise and thorough understanding of the regulatory requirements proved invaluable throughout the process. Their professionalism, attention to detail and timely guidance made what could have been a complex and challenging undertaking remarkably smooth and efficient.

Theo Karagiannis, Site Manager - Clariant

Trusted by government, industry and infrastructure clients

Fulton Hogan · CLARIANT · GBEnergy · City of Greater Geelong · acquos · Great Ocean Road Coast & Parks Authority

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WORKING WITH SPM

Company details for procurement.

Company, insurance and systems details for supplier registration and tenders.

Company

Legal entity	Sustainable Project Management Pty Ltd
ABN · ACN	91 625 759 275 / 625 759 275
Established	2018
Office	Unit 1/11 Cylinders Drive, Torquay VIC 3228
Service area	Victoria, Tasmania & nationally
Industry memberships and boards	AORA National Board Member EIANZ Member VWMA Member VPELA Member Geelong Chamber Executive Member Geelong Manufacturing Council

Insurance and systems

Professional indemnity	Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's $10M - May 2027
Public liability	Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's $20M - May 2027
Workers' compensation	WorkCover Insurance in the state of Victoria, DXC Claims Management Services current to June 2027.
Team	8 profiled staff
Policies	SPM HSEQ Policy 007 - aligned with the principles of ISO 9001
Indigenous engagement · ESG	SPM HSEQ Policy 007 - aligned with the principles of ISO 26000

Our commitment to you. Approvals without unnecessary delays and costs means we work closely with regulators, give you straight answers and keep your project moving.

Acknowledgement of Country. SPM acknowledge the Wadawurrung People, and Gulidjan and Gadubanud Peoples of the Eastern Maar, their Elders and leaders past, present and emerging as the Traditional Owners of the skies, land, waters and sea country across the land upon which we work and live.

APPROVALS WITHOUT UNNECESSARY DELAYS AND COSTS

Let's talk about your approvals pathway.

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