

Notice to Building & Legal Practitioners re Domestic Building Disputes

As you are aware, domestic building disputes are required to be submitted to Domestic Building Dispute Resolution Victoria (DBDRV). They are then handled pursuant to their own process.

HOWEVER, if all parties agree, there is no impediment to the parties agreeing, on a voluntary basis, to submit any dispute to a Mediator in an attempt to resolve issues. If unsuccessful, this would not prevent any of the Parties to then proceed via DBDRV.

The advantages of arranging a voluntary Mediation would include having the dispute being handled in a very short time and being handled by a known and experienced Mediator, and not having to be engaged in time-consuming (and expensive) procedural processes.

Below are details of very experienced Mediators, many of whom have had over 20 years' experience in mediating domestic building disputes at VCAT (and its predecessor), and building disputes in general. All have accreditation under National Mediator Accreditation Standards and some are also Law Institute of Victoria accredited Specialists in Mediation.

All of these persons will charge the same fixed fee for half or full day mediations and most will be available on short notice.

Please feel free to contact any of those listed to ascertain suitability for any type of dispute:

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