



Legal Expenses 2018-19

Colac Otway Shire reached resolutions on two significant legal matters and dealt with numerous contentious planning applications during the 2018-19 financial year.

Council's legal expenses for 2018-19, as noted in the 2018-19 Annual Report which was adopted at the October 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting, totalled \$521k.

The main legal matters contributing to the 2018/19 expenditure included:

- \$166k Bluewater redevelopment dispute mediation.
- \$147k Planning application for a proposed tourist resort at 275 Barham River Road.
- \$83k Worksafe critical incident (Services and Operations).
- \$8k Workplace relations advice.
- \$7k Proposed quarry at 320 Mooleric Road, Ombersley - matters relating to groundwater strategy documentation.
- \$110k Multiple legal matters of less \$5k each.