



TOWN PLANNING
AND URBAN DESIGN



Community Consultation

The NSW planning system involves community consultation. An objective of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* is to "Increase opportunity for public involvement and participation in environmental planning and assessment". Consultation is part of working openly with the community and other stakeholders and providing opportunities for their views and preferences to have input into the assessment process and decision making. The goal of consultation is to strengthen decision making by ensuring all relevant issues are considered.

TPG NSW has been involved in a variety of projects, where a range of consultation techniques have been used. TPG regularly organise and facilitate workshops and community reference groups, organise exhibitions, notify residents, and assess and respond to submissions. This experience and our expertise will ensure that your project will have the best chance possible of achieving your desired outcome.

OUR APPROACH

At TPG NSW, we work closely with you to identify the adequate and appropriate consultation for your project. At TPG, we believe that our early involvement in the project will benefit the outcome. We employ an integrated approach that identifies key planning and design issues associated with the site and surrounding area and the form of consultation considered appropriate.

Within Part 3A projects for example the extent to which a proponent consults the community and stakeholders when preparing the environmental assessment for a major project or concept plan application will be determined by:

- The nature of the proposal and the extent of its likely impacts,
- The level of consultation required in the DGRs,
- Any consultation that occurred prior to making an application to the Minister, and
- Whether the nature of the development will require on-going consultation once the project is constructed and has commenced operation.

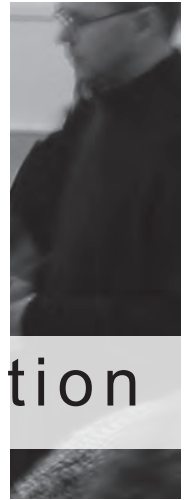
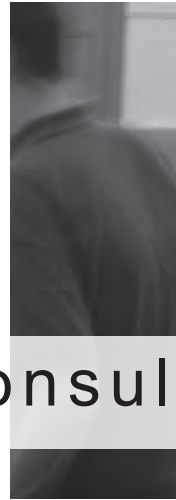
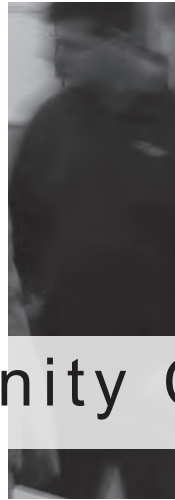
OUR SERVICES

TPG NSW offers a range of consultation services for your next project, including:

- Preparation of consultation material
- Presentation at community forums
- Facilitation of workshops
- Collation and analysis of community feedback

For more information on how we can help you with your project, contact TPG NSW on (02) 9925 0444 or email us at sydney@tpgnsw.com.au

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Ramsgate Centre Masterplan Workshops⁽¹⁾

The consultation workshops facilitated by TPG were a key factor in the community's acceptance of the Masterplan for the Ramsgate Commercial Centre. The workshops involved:

- a general presentation of principles, followed by
- small group based workshops that analysed development concepts, and
- direct discussion facilitated between local developers, business people and the residential community.

Approximately 120 attended the workshops held in a local community hall.

Client: Rockdale and Kogarah Councils



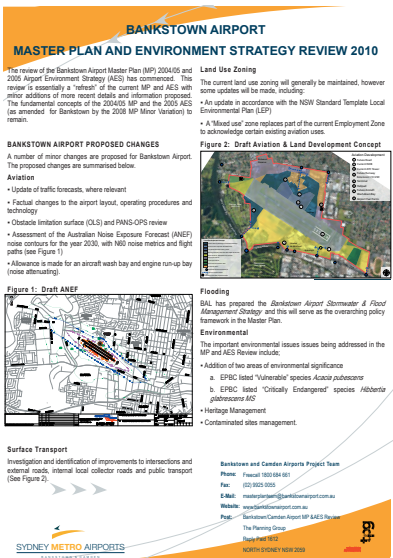
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Exeter Community Consultation Day, Wingecarribee, NSW⁽²⁾

With the aim to achieve a consensus from residents into the future of ex-quarry lands on the edge of the village of Exeter, a consultation day was facilitated by social planner Wendy Sarkissian in association with TPG staff. The day included:

- static displays and a resident's vote on various design alternatives;
- the encouragement of residents to write their comments on a public display; and
- the coordination of the event and a barbeque arranged by the client.

Client: Malcolm Holdings Pty Ltd



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Bankstown and Camden Airport Master Plan and Airport Environment Strategy Reviews, NSW⁽³⁾

A comprehensive public consultation programme was prepared and undertaken in accordance with the *Airports Act*. TPG provided a 'consultation toolbox' which comprised notification media (e.g. brochures), a consultation hotline and dedicated email.

Submissions were received either as individual letters (posted, faxed or emailed), or as a signature on a pre-printed standard form. During this consultation period that lasted 103 business days,

- a total of 245 submissions concerning the PDMP (BAL) were received
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- In addition 99 people signed their names to a standard pre-printed form, and
- a petition of 1,059 signatures was submitted.

All submitters received a written acknowledgment from the Master Plan team. Comments and issues were tabulated and analysed, with the PDMP being amended accordingly.

Client: Sydney Metropolitan Airports