



TOWN PLANNING
AND URBAN DESIGN



COMPANY PROFILE

THE PLANNING GROUP (NSW) PTY LTD

PROLOGUE

At The Planning Group we are proud of our reputation for listening to our clients and identifying strongly with objectives you aim to achieve. This means we have a higher chance of success at achieving all your objectives, instead of simply completing the project.

Because we begin with a clear understanding of what you want, we can move the project forward more quickly.

We focus strongly on adhering to and even shortening your deadline. Our depth of knowledge and experience of the bigger picture and the implications of the project may enable us to actually reduce the time frame of projects, saving money and considerable frustration.

We liaise and negotiate on your behalf. We maintain good relationships with decision making bodies to get prompt responses to enquiries.

Our broad range of knowledge and our pool of experience enables us to add more depth to your plans and submissions, which again shortens the process and avoids costly mistakes.

In short, we tailor our service delivery with business management processes to achieve your objectives, within your time frame and as effectively and smoothly as possible.

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PROFILE

Awards

Planning Institute of Australia (NSW Division)
Award for Planning Excellence, 2006
Project: Nowra-Bomaderry Structure Plan (Shoalhaven)

Memberships

Planning Institute of Australia
Royal Town Planning Institute (UK)
Urban Development Institute of Australia





COMPANY SERVICES

Urban Design

Masterplanning
Subdivision design
Streetscape analysis and design
Civic design assessment
Development Control Plans
Sustainability approaches
Graphic design and 3D modelling

Development Assessments

Design guideline implementation
Detailed area plans
Development Assessments
Environmental Impact Statements

Community Consultation

Representation at Council meetings/mediation sessions
Public meeting and workshop facilitation

Statutory Planning

Development applications and facilitation
Planning advice
Preparation of Evidence and Expert witness
Environmental Planning Instruments
Town planning appeals and representation
Due diligence assessment / Planning Audits
Development feasibility

Strategic Planning

Urban and regional research
Planning policy development
Regional and local area planning strategies
Structure plans
Outline Development Plans

STAFF

Steve Hills ◦ Managing Director NSW

BA (Hons) (Geography, Architecture and Archaeology), Diploma Town Planning, Urban and Regional Planning Module (UNE), Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (UK), Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia and Certified Practicing Planner

Steve Hills is the Managing Director of TPG NSW. He has over 30 years town planning experience in the UK, the Middle East and Australia. Steve oversees the management of all the projects in the Sydney office. Steve's

areas of expertise include environmental assessment, community consultation and statutory planning in metropolitan and regional areas.



Jim Kaucz ◦ Manager, ACT

B.Sc (Hons), MSc (Urb Econs), Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute, Member of the Planning Institute of Australia and Certified Practicing Planner

Jim is the Manager of TPG's Canberra office. He is an urban planner with over 30 years professional experience spanning public, private and academic sectors. Jim has professional

experience in Europe, the Middle East and across Australia. Jim specialises in economic planning issues as well as masterplanning and policy development.



Jenny Titterton ◦ Senior Planner

BA (Geography), Grad Dip Urban and Regional Planning, Member of the Planning Institute of Australia.

Jenny is an environmental planner specialising in environmental assessment, Part 3A applications, community consultation, bushfire assessment

and statutory planning. Jenny has worked on a range of projects across the Sydney metropolitan area and rural NSW.



Amelia Lynch ◦ Senior Urban Designer

Bachelor of Science (Architecture), Master of Urban Development and Design.

Amelia is a senior urban designer with TPG, she has local and international experience in urban design, landscape and transport planning and

has worked on projects in Australia, Taiwan and the UK. Amelia specialises in masterplanning and the development of design controls.



Peter Naidovski ◦ Planner

Bachelor of Town Planning, Member of the Planning Institute of Australia

Peter is a town planner with experience in both private and government sectors. He specialises in statutory planning, masterplanning and

environmental assessments and has worked on metropolitan, regional and international planning projects.



Jarryd Barton ◦ Planner

Bachelor of Town Planning (currently studying), Student Member of the Planning Institute of Australia

Jarryd has worked with TPG since 2003 while completing his Planning degree at UNSW. Jarryd is experienced in preparing development

assessments and planning research and specialises in SEPP 10 (Affordable Housing) studies.



Support

The professional staff are supported by a team of qualified administration and accounts staff.

With offices in Perth, Melbourne and Canberra, TPG NSW is able to offer a national consultancy to our clients and to source additional staff or specialist interstate knowledge should it be required.

CORPORATE INFORMATION

Quality System

The Planning Group has developed a formal quality assurance system to optimise and control quality, resulting in maximum benefit and minimum risk to company and client.

Insurances

TPG holds General Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance cover.

General Liability

Insurer: QBE Insurance Ltd
Policy Number: 70A206981PLB
Extent of Cover: \$20,000,000

Professional Indemnity Insurance

Insurance: Vero Insurance Ltd
Policy Number: LPP01035516
Extent of cover: \$5,000,000

Technical Resources

The Planning Group utilises the most up to date computer technology necessary for study management and the provision of quality planning and urban design services.

The Planning Group is fully equipped with a computer aided design (CADD) and documentation facility (Micro GDS).

The Planning Group also operates a full range of desktop publishing and computer graphic presentation software to provide maximum flexibility for design and presentation. These include Adobe InDesign, Macromedia, FreeHand and Adobe Photoshop.

Referees

Name	Company	Address	Phone
Mr Ron Bush	Development Manager Boral Recycling Pty Ltd	PO Box 42 Wentworthville NSW 2145	(02) 9033 4408
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Mr Zep Lanza	Director Waterfront (Griffith) Pty Ltd	Zeplan 13 Ross Crescent Griffith NSW 2680	(02) 6964 6458
Ms Robin Hill	Executive Manager, City Outcomes Fairfield City Council	PO Box 21 Fairfield NSW 1860	(02) 9725 0897

PROJECTS

Nelsons Ridge Residential Subdivision

Delfin Lend Lease

This project involved the preparation of a series of SEEs as part of the subdivision and residential development within the former Boral quarry lands. The total estate has a potential 1700 new dwellings including a major retail shopping centre and community facilities.



Amcor Site Redevelopment, Hurstville Town Centre

Sydney Land Holdings Pty Ltd

TPG prepared a comprehensive SEE for the proposed redevelopment of the prominent Amcor site in Hurstville. The approved development consists of seven buildings ranging from 7 to 16 storeys including residential, commercial and retail uses, basement car parking and urban open space. Approximately 620 apartments will be built and the scheme totals 4500sqm of retail floor space and 5200 sqm of commercial floor space.



Hornsby Town Centre Masterplans and Design Controls

Hornsby Shire Council

TPG undertook extensive site analysis, research and community consultation which informed the development of three masterplans and design controls for Berowra, West Pennant Hills and Carlingford. In addition, clear illustrations and diagrams were prepared in consultation with Council for future incorporation into Council policy and documentation.



Ramsgate Town Centre Masterplan Project

Kogarah and Rockdale Councils

This project involved the preparation of a masterplan for land spanning two adjoining Council areas (Rockdale and Kogarah) along Rocky Point Road and Ramsgate Road. TPG considered the current planning instruments for both Councils and the formulation of options to be explored in community consultation workshops. Consultation was also undertaken with both Councils and with numerous stakeholders and authorities. TPG also prepared a draft DCP in consultation with Rockdale Council.



Kirrawee Concrete Batching Plant EIS

Concrite Pty Ltd

This project involved the preparation of an EIS and additional Visual Impact Assessment study for a proposed concrete batching plant within the Kirrawee industrial area of Sutherland. The main environmental impacts investigated were those relating to dust, noise and visual amenity. The plant was approved by the NSW Land & Environment Court after an appeal.



Kemps Creek Extractive Industry EIS

Nolan's Quarrying and Mining and the Hi Quality Group

The Planning Group was commissioned to prepare an EIS for this integrated designated development. The EIS assessed the continued extraction of clay shale and the staged rehabilitation of the site over a twenty year period. The main issues for the EIS were permissibility of uses, flora, traffic and water management.



Exeter Quarry EMP and LES, Wingecarribee

Malcolm Holdings Pty Ltd

The Planning Group prepared a draft LES and LEP for a proposed subdivision of land currently occupied by Exeter Quarry in the NSW Southern Highlands. The project aims to facilitate the subdivision of the land into 25 rural allotments over the 120ha site. The process involved consultation with the Exeter Village Association and a community consultation day or "speak out".



Illawarra Ridge Part 3A Application

Links Illawarra Development Pty Ltd

The Planning Group was engaged to prepare a comprehensive Part 3A application for the development of a golf resort on the Illawarra Ridge near Wollongong. The project includes a golf course, club house and short term tourist accomodation which includes 100 hotel rooms, 100 serviced apartments and approximately 200 villas.



Preparation of Evidence of Expert Witness

Metalcorp Recyclers Pty Ltd

This project involved the preparation of planning evidence in relation to matters before the Land & Environment Court involving a metal smelter at Chipping Norton, Liverpool. The evidence prepared involved a detailed history and assessment of land use zoning within the operation. The main issues involved the impact on current residents resulting from adjoining land being rezoned from industrial to residential in the 1980s.



Smuggs Pty Ltd vs South Sydney Council

Smuggs Pty Ltd

This project involved the preparation of evidence in relation to a taxi base facility and its refusal by Council in relation to amenity, noise and car parking issues. The appeal was upheld.



Supreme Court of NSW Equity Division

Pacific National (NSW) Pty Ltd

The Planning Group prepared town planning evidence in relation to the town planning implications of an existing development consent for the Western Sydney Rail Freight facility at St. Mary's near Penrith.



Community workshops: Ramsgate Masterplan

Kogarah and Rockdale Councils

The Planning Group managed and facilitated community consultation workshops for the Ramsgate Commercial Centre Masterplan proposal. The sessions involved analysis of proposed development concepts, critique of designs and direct discussion between the developers and the residential community. The workshops were key to the community's acceptance of the Masterplan.



Fairfield s.94 Plan

Fairfield City Council

TPG led a multi-disciplinary team on this intensive project to deliver an Open Space Strategy, a Social Plan and Stormwater Management Plan in conjunction with a s.94 feasibility assessment for four centres in the local government area. The comprehensive feasibility process determined that a contribution plan for Fairfield town centre was essential.



source: FCC

Community Consultation, Lake Wyangan Masterplan

Waterfront Development

In conjunction with preparing a masterplan proposal for a rural residential development at Lake Wyangan, north of Griffith, TPG held community consultation meetings to inform local residents and stakeholders about the proposal. Staff facilitated discussions and recorded opinions which informed the design.



Huntingwood West Part 3A Submission

Landcom

TPG prepared a comprehensive Part 3A submission lodged with the Department of Planning in late 2006. The proposal is for a world class industrial development and connected parklands in Western Sydney. It aims to set best practice design and operational standards with Water Sensitive Urban Design, a vegetation offset strategy, wetlands and detailed building design controls. TPG was able to provide the client with prompt advice on a range of complex planning issues throughout the process.



source: Landcom

Renwick Village Development, Mittagong

Landcom

TPG has assisted Landcom with the urban planning and statutory planning issues for the development of Renwick Village near Bowral in the NSW Southern Highlands. A series of staged Development Applications have been prepared and lodged with Wingecarribee Shire Council.



source: Landcom

CONTACT DETAILS

The Planning Group is one of Australia's leading town planning firms. Established in 1989, The Planning Group has grown to a national network of four offices , employing over forty town planners.

TPG Office locations

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