
JESSICA KENNEDY

SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

Background

Jessica is an environmental specialist with over 15 years experience in the industry both here in Australia and overseas.

She has gained broad experience and has proven ability in providing effective input to construction and operational projects with a strong knowledge and understanding of the NSW and federal environmental regulatory framework.

Jessica has worked across numerous Projects with contractors, government agencies and regulatory authorities, managing environmental assessments, reviewing designs and environmental management plans, compliance management, reports to regulatory agencies, managing incidents, and identifying continual improvement opportunities in her field.

Qualifications

Bachelor of Science, University Technology Sydney

Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment – Associate Member Exams, IEMA, UK

Relevant Project Experience

TRANSPORT FOR NSW – INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES DIVISIONS (2009 - 2017)

(Sydney, NSW)

Role Senior Manager Environment

Key achievements

- Managed a team of environmental and planning specialists and service providers
- Implement environment and sustainability principles across all projects and resolve complex environmental issues
- Participate in peer reviews on high level complex projects, provide input to defining environmental measures for KRI, KPA and incentive schemes
- Report regularly to Project Directors on project performance under the incentive schemes
- Manage the performance of Environmental Management Representatives across multiple programs of work
- Review reports and assessment documents and provide specialist technical input ensuring compliance with legislative requirements and delivery of approvals within project timeframes
- Facilitate environmental risk minimisation by working with and influencing project teams in identification and effective management of environmental issues
- Ensure environmental requirements in contracts adhere to NSW government procurement guidelines and address the requirements of the Environmental Management System.

AURECON AUSTRALIA (2008 - 2009)

(Brisbane, QLD; Sydney, NSW)

Role Senior Environmental Scientist

Key achievements

- Environmental Approvals Manager for the Wiggins Island Coal Terminal Project, Gladstone Ports Corporation. Managing the environmental approvals and licences required for the project at a local, state and federal level in line with the project schedule. Including obtaining tidal works (reclamation), marine plants, dredge management approvals, material change of use applications and other associated environment and planning requirements.
- Project Lead for the Gladstone LNG Stage 1 Dredging Approvals, Gladstone LNG Pty Ltd. Managing the development of a Dredge Environmental Management Plan, management of specialist input (sediment analysis, hydrodynamic modelling, and ecological assessment), liaison with the QLD Department Environment Resource Management, Gladstone Ports Corporation and other referral agencies to coordinate a final development approval for this Project.

- Environment and Planning Manager secondment, Transport Construction Authority (now Transport for NSW). Providing specialist advice on environment, planning and regulatory requirements for the Glenfield Transport Interchange Project and support to the Senior Manager Environment.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (2007 - 2008)

(Sydney, NSW)

Role Environment & Planning Manager

Key achievements

- Provide specialist advice on environment, planning and regulatory requirements
- Identify environmental approvals and licences required for projects and manage the processes for obtaining these in line with project programs
- Serve as a principal point of contact for government agencies and licensing approval matters
- Facilitate the development of positive and productive relationships between TIDC, regulatory agencies, principal contractors and stakeholders
- Minimum weekly site compliance inspections in consultation with Project Environmental Management Representatives
- Ensuring the implementation of TIDC's Construction Noise Strategy across several TIDC Projects
- Provide advice and assistance to the TIDC Team, Senior Managers and contractors, to understand manage and comply with environment and planning regulatory requirements
- Development of variations to TIDC's Environment Protection Licence including representing the organisation in ongoing regulatory meetings
- Liaising with specialist consultants during the preparation of environmental assessments to ensure that projects satisfied the requirements of Part 5 and Part 3A (as applicable) of the Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Prepare reports, ministerial correspondence and other issue papers as required
- Engaging and managing professional services contractors, including the preparation and evaluation of tender documentation

LAING O'ROURKE AUSTRALIA (2006 - 2007)

Dalrymple Bay Rail Triplication Project, QLD

Hornsby Platform 5 and Stabling Project, Sydney, NSW

Role Environment Manager

Key achievements

- Serve as a principal point of contact between the project and the client on environment, planning and licensing approval matters
- Provide specialist advice on environment, planning and regulatory requirements within the project team
- Developing and implementing environmental documentation including the project Environmental Management Plan, associated sub-plans and planning approval variations
- Identify the environmental approvals and licences required for the projects and manage the processes for obtaining these in line with project programs
- Undertaking regular site inspections to ensure regulatory compliance
- Internal and external reporting

ATKINS – TRANS4M/METRONET ALLIANCE – LONDON UNDERGROUND (2004 - 2006)

London, UK

Role Senior Environment Advisor

Key achievements

- Responsible for the implementation of the business's Environmental Management System 14001, to deliver legal, contractual and best practice requirements and in its continuous improvement
- Manage the processes to obtain statutory consents and agreements from regulatory authorities (Local Authorities, Environment Agency) to allow all projects to meet the delivery programme e.g. s61 Noise Consents, Planning & Heritage Consents
- Represent the Alliance in discussions and negotiations with regulators (>30 Local Councils), NGO's, Environment Agency, local community groups and residents to promote projects
- Provision of specialist environmental and planning advice across the Alliance
- Undertaking the Assessment of Significant Environmental Issues for each work package
- Managing a large proportion of the businesses corporate and internal responsibilities, including maintenance of the company 14001 accreditation and staff supervision.
- Management of specialist consultants and interface with the client.

MOWLEM RAILWAYS (CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINK PROJECT) (2003 - 2004)

Channel Tunnel Rail Link Project, UK

Role Environmental Engineer

Key achievements

- Reviewing and implementing environmental documentation including the project Environmental Management Plan and associated procedures
- Negotiating approvals from government departments i.e. Environment Agency, Local Authorities
- Ensuring compliance with both the legal and contractual requirements of the project
- Undertaking noise calculations and predictions to enable variations of work to be sought from government departments
- Undertaking regular site inspections
- Co-ordinating and managing specialist consultants
- Working with the Construction Manager, Community Relations Co-ordinator and Project Engineers to co-ordinate a successful project

NSW RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION (2002 - 2003)

Parramatta, NSW

Role Environmental Manager

Key achievements

- Developing and implementing environmental documentation including the project Environmental Management Plan and associated sub-plans
- Negotiating approvals and liaising with government departments i.e. Environment Protection Authority, Planning NSW, Local Councils
- Ensuring compliance with both the legal and contractual requirements of the project
- Undertaking regular site inspections
- Coordinating and managing specialist consultants
- Working with the Construction Manager, Community Relations Coordinator and Project Engineers to coordinate a successful project
- Managed the processes of obtaining the Environmental Protection Licence, required to allow RailCorp to commence the project.

FLUOR AUSTRALIA (2001)

East Hills Rail Amplification Project, NSW

Role Senior Environmental Officer

Key achievements

- Development of an Operational Environmental Management Plan
- Management of contractors with respect to the environmental requirements of the project
- Coordinating and management of environmental consultants
- Liaison with relevant local and state government departments
- Providing advice to the project Construction Manager on environmental and planning requirements