

CURRICULUM VITAE

RACHAEL CHICK

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Expertise

- Auditing compliance with conditions of approvals
- Audit and compliance reports
- Regulatory and compliance analysis and advice
- Policy development and advice

Qualifications

- Master of Law (Environmental Law), Australian National University
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Journalism)/ Bachelor of Laws, University of Technology, Sydney
- Admitted as lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

PROFILE

Rachael is an environmental consultant with over 8 years' experience in environmental law and policy, working on a variety of State Significant Developments and major projects. Rachael specialises in assessing and advising on compliance with regulatory requirements; policy development and advice; and both NSW and Commonwealth environmental regulatory regimes.

Rachael is experienced in providing review and analysis of environmental management plans; environmental compliance and enforcement; policy advice to government on controversial and complex environmental and natural resource management issues; and dispute resolution in relation to environmental regulatory compliance issues.

RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

WolfPeak Environment and Heritage, Sydney

Environmental Consultant

June 2019 – Current

Environmental Consultant | Various Projects

- Auditing compliance with conditions of approvals given under, for example, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW).
- Drafting of audit and compliance reports in relation to State Significant Developments and Major Projects.
- Review and analysis of environmental management plans.

Environmental Defenders Office, Sydney

Volunteer

June 2019 – Current

Volunteer | Various Projects

- Legal research and briefings.
- Drafting of documents and correspondence.
- Litigation support, primarily for Federal Court proceedings, including preparation of briefs to Counsel, and collation of evidence.
- Research and analysis for policy papers, including on climate change policies and legislation for NSW and Australia.

Land and Environment Court of NSW

Tipstaff to the Hon Acting Justice Simon Molesworth

January 2018 – February 2019

Volunteer | Various Projects

- Conducted legal research and analysis.
- Proof-read and provided feedback on draft judgments.
- Assisted the Court at hearings, for instance, being responsible for taking the Court to relevant evidence in paperless trails, swearing-in witnesses, and taking contemporaneous records of submissions and orders.

Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory

Research Assistant to the Chair, the Hon Justice Rachel Pepper

January 2017 – January 2018

Research Assistant | Unconventional Gas

- Drafted detailed briefings on regulatory regimes governing unconventional gas in all Australian and a number of overseas jurisdictions, covering acquisition of title, land access, native titles, and planning and environmental approvals.

- Conducted written policy analysis and law reform recommendations with respect to the regulation of unconventional gas in the Northern Territory.
- Analysed legal, scientific, economic, and community submissions to the Inquiry.
- Liaised with expert panel and government and community stakeholders, including during community consultation sessions.

Australian Government Department of the Environment and Energy

Legal Officer, General Counsel Branch

December 2012 – December 2016

Legal Officer | Various Projects

- Advisory work, including statutory interpretation and advice on the implementation of and enforcement action in relation to portfolio legislation including the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.
- Researched and briefed on a range of legal issues.
- Litigation support for Federal Court proceedings.
- Drafted correspondence and documents.
- Liaised with and coordinated clients and external legal services providers.