

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### SARAH HARRIS

Senior Environmental Consultant

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### Expertise

- Preparation of statutory planning documents and management of the delivery of environmental assessments under Commonwealth and state legislation
- Due diligence, risk assessment and approval pathway strategy and advice
- Planning and pre-construction planning and assistance including consultation with Council and Government Agencies to achieve project timeframes

### Qualifications

- Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning, University of New England
- General Construction Industry (White Card)

### PROFILE

Sarah has over 14 years' experience providing specialist knowledge of planning and regulatory frameworks and technical issues to projects under Commonwealth, New South Wales and Queensland environmental legislation. She has been providing approvals services and delivering environmental impact assessments for over ten years.

Sarah has successfully delivered several major projects, from concept phase through to construction, with complex environmental and regulatory challenges and community and agency consultation requirements. She has more recently delivered critical state significant infrastructure projects providing specialist technical input and ensuring compliance with legislative requirements and delivery of approvals within project timeframes. Sarah is skilled at working with environmental and planning regulators to achieve positive client outcomes.

## RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

### WolfPeak Environment and Heritage, Sydney

#### *Senior Environmental Consultant*

April 2016 – Present

#### **Senior Environmental Consultant | Various Projects**

- Managed sub-consultants and delivery of Environmental Impact Statement for Critical State Significant Infrastructure projects in NSW, in particular for the approved Parkes to Narromine component of the Inland Rail.
- Managed approvals required under the EPBC Act.
- Undertook stakeholder consultation with Agency, Regulator and community.
- Technical review of all environmental approval deliverables.
- Managed all elements of the approvals process of a Major Project with Commonwealth and State regulator including submission phase and negotiations of conditions of approval.
- Ensured compliance with statutory approval processes.
- Managed the Aboriginal cultural heritage component of the EIS including engagement with Registered Aboriginal Parties.
- Assisted with tender selection process (design and environmental approvals and construction packages).
- Developed and facilitated a construction readiness program.

#### **Senior Environmental Consultant | Salini Impregilo**

- Environmental component of tender development for design and construction for Sydney Gateway Project (Critical State significant infrastructure \$1.5 billion).

#### **Environment Advisor | ARTC Sydney Projects**

- Peer reviewed and supported the delivery of environmental impact assessment of two Critical State significant infrastructure projects.

#### **Environmental Consultant | TransGrid**

- Completed and managed environmental assessments for various projects relating to the upgrades to TransGrid's substation and transmission line network.
- Managed sub-consultants, technical review of specialist advice and assessments, planning due diligence and environmental risk analysis.

#### **Project Environment Manager | ARTC Inland Rail**

- Facilitated the delivery of Inland Rail projects in NSW from concept design through the environmental approvals pathway and into construction readiness.

## City of Sydney, Sydney

### *Planning Assessor*

March 2015 – November 2015

#### **Planning Assessor | Various Projects**

- Analyse and assessed planning, urban design and heritage issues associated with the delivery of planning determinations under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the Sydney LEP 2012.
- Interpreted, negotiated and resolved planning and development related issues/problems.
- Project managed development applications from lodgement to determination.
- Wrote high quality development assessment reports.
- Resolved complex and sensitive planning issues.
- Liaised and consulted with applicants, members of the public and other units of Council.

## Origin Energy, Brisbane

### *Environmental Planner*

November 2011 – December 2014

#### **Pipelines Environmental Planner | Australia Pacific LNG Pipelines**

- Acted as the primary interface between environmental approvals, environmental compliance and field construction of providing advice and direction in relation to environmental compliance management of the Pipeline component of the Australia Pacific LNG Project (\$25 billion).
- Provided support to the Environmental Approvals Manager by preparing and submitting management plans and approvals documentation to State and Commonwealth government. In particular, secondary permits and material change of use (state development areas).
- Conducted technical reviews of environmental approvals and environmental management plans.
- Negotiated with Government departments in relation to conditions of approval.
- Managed and liaised with sub-consultants preparing technical reports and management plans.
- Provided environmental management guidance and support.
- Conducted Primary client / contractor interface in relation to environmental approvals and compliance
- Provided strategic and interpretation advice to Australia Pacific LNG and Origin Energy / Pipeline Operations to achieve ongoing compliance within a complex regulatory framework.
- Undertook audits and inspections with Government departments.
- Assisted and prepared Annual Returns and other compliance reporting.

- Conducted technical reviews of all audit reports undertaken internally and by third parties.
- Provided practical and technical advice to Australia Pacific LNG Commissioning, Origin Energy Pipeline Operations and Origin Energy Compliance in regard to approval interpretation, environmental management, contractual defect process and maintenance requirements.
- Provided technical review and advice, on behalf of Origin Energy, of proposed environmental policy amendments proposed by the State Governments.
- Managed the defect period and asset handover for environment (pipelines).

## Unidel Group, Brisbane

### *Environmental Planner*

September 2010 – July 2013

#### **Environmental Planner | Various Projects**

- Provided advice as to optimum approvals pathway and obtaining environmental and change of use approvals for various clients predominantly within the petroleum industry, including APA Group and Santos.
- Delivered environmental planning assessments for coal seam gas infrastructure in Queensland and New South Wales.
- Supported the environmental team by providing project management services including development and delivery of environmental assessment projects.
- Prepared various proposals.
- Conducted infrastructure approval due diligence assessments of primary approval of high-pressure gas pipeline.

## Aurecon, Brisbane

### *Town Planner*

September 2007 – September 2010

#### **Town Planner | Various Projects**

- Provided town planning advice and services relating to Greenfield and existing sites to primary clients being Optus and Telstra. The primary scope was to deliver high quality town planning services to facilitate the roll out of the Optus 3G network within Queensland and New South Wales.
- Provided support to the Environmental Manager and Project Manager by preparing and submitting town planning assessment reports under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (Qld) and Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW) for proposed telecommunications tower.
- Provided support to the Environmental Manager and Project Manager by preparing and submitting notifications under the Australian Communications Industry Forum industry code for upgrade of existing infrastructure sites.
- Assessed sites in accordance with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 provisions and assess disturbance and impact.

- Held extensive knowledge and understanding of planning in Queensland and New South Wales and telecommunication industry guidelines and legislation.
- Conducted community and key stakeholder consultation and liaison with Council Planning Officers, Councillors, Senior Management, Members of Parliament., clients, landowners, government agencies, and members of the public.
- Provided leadership to graduate and consultant town planner. This included managing workloads, providing tasks, reviewing work completed and informal mentoring.
- Coordinated and implemented all environmental approvals and permits including vegetation removal permits under the Vegetation Management Act 1999 and Nature Conservation Act 1992.
- Liaised and co-ordinated works and deadlines with all other key members of the project, including designers, drafters and site acquisition.

## Devonport City Council, Tasmania

### *Statutory Town Planner*

January 2006 – January 2007

#### **Statutory Town Planner | Various Projects**

- Provided advice to the public and assessed development applications in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Scheme.
- Provided planning advice to members of the public.
- Assessed development applications in accordance with the Town Planning Scheme.
- Assessed building applications in accordance with Town Planning Scheme.
- Undertook site inspections in relation to planning permit applications.
- Attended and provided advice relating to development applications at Development Committee meetings with Senior Staff, Alderman and Mayor.
- Attended and provided advice relating to development applications at Council Meetings where required.
- Attended mediation sessions as part of Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal.