



## Kieron Barnes

### SENIOR ASSOCIATE

BA (Planning), GRAD DIP ENV STUDIES, CPP

#### Expertise

- Strategic Planning
- Statutory Planning
- Policy Planning
- Development Assessment
- Community Engagement

#### Professional History

Kieron is a Certified Practising Planner with a diverse background in both the private sector and Local Government. During his 18 years as a planning professional, Kieron has developed particular strengths in the following areas:

- Advanced strategic and statutory planning skills developed through the preparation of numerous Development Plan Amendments and strategic plans;
- Excellent development skills, including the preparation of planning reports for Development Assessment Panels and Expert Witness Statements for the Environment, Resources and Development Court;
- Strong management experience, most recently demonstrated through his previous role as the Planning Manager at the Rural City of Murray Bridge; and
- Excellent communication skills with the ability to listen effectively and act on this information.

During his career, Kieron has held senior roles as a planning consultant at Hassell Pty Ltd, URPS (Urban & Regional Planning Solutions) and now at Ekistics Planning and Design. These roles have required the provision of detailed and accurate advice to a range of clients, including the development industry, local Councils, not-for-profit organisations and State Government Agencies.

Kieron is a well-rounded planning professional with particular strengths in the development of planning policy, including the preparation of growth area studies for urban and regional areas.

Kieron also has significant experience in the assessment and facilitation of development applications, having provided 'in-house' advice to a number of Councils, while also providing advice to the private sector in relation to a wide range of development proposals including large-scale land divisions, non-complying applications and retail development.

Kieron's private sector experience has been complemented through his local Government work where he has managed the Planning Policy functions of the Adelaide Hills Council and managed the Planning Department at the Rural City of Murray Bridge. These experiences have given Kieron a first-hand understanding of the environment within which local Councils operate and the particular pressures that they face.

Kieron's skills in development assessment have been 'sharpened' through numerous appearances in the Environment, Resources and Development Court where he has provided expert planning evidence to assist the Court with its deliberations.

#### Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts (Planning) –  
University of South Australia

Graduate Diploma Environmental  
Studies – University of Adelaide

Certified Practising Planner

#### Affiliations

Corporate Member of the Planning  
Institute of Australia