



Rebecca Thomas

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

BA URP (HONORS), CERT 4 FRONT LINE MANAGEMENT

Expertise

- Strategic Planning
- Statutory Planning
- Policy Planning
- Community Engagement
- Governance
- Local Government Administration

Professional History

Rebecca is a highly-regarded Planning Consultant with over 20 years' experience in urban planning, strategy, policy development and implementation.

Rebecca's expertise spans the areas of planning, strategy, property, stakeholder liaison and negotiation, policy development, organisational governance and community engagement.

Her initial career development within Local Government provided the opportunity to be involved in all facets of Council. Until 2010, Rebecca's role as a General Manager within the Local Government sector saw her as a member of Council's Senior Management Team reporting to the CEO and responsible for strategic planning, Council property projects, planning policy, development assessment and compliance, tourism, events, economic development and community development, including libraries, youth and aged services. In 2010, Rebecca was an ambassador for the Year of Women in Local Government, expanding her natural mentoring abilities.

Since 2011 Rebecca has worked in the private planning and property sector, initially with Connor Holmes (FYFE) and for the last 3 years, with Ekistics. Rebecca works on a diverse range of projects, including property due diligence, rezoning strategies and development projects such as CBD towers, mixed use residential/commercial developments, aged accommodation, waste facilities, alternative energy projects (e.g. wind and water), retail/centres development, childcare and community related facilities, and tourism projects.

Rebecca was recently appointed by the Minister for Planning to the 'Development Industry Advisory Committee', a body established to assist in the current State wide Planning Reforms. Previous to this, she was a member of the Minister's Development Planning and Advisory Committee (DPAC), who provided planning and policy legislative advice to the Minister. Rebecca was also Presiding Member of the Marion Development Assessment Panel for a number of years and is an active contributor to the Property Council through the Planning and Urban Design Committee.

Rebecca has extensive experience in both governance and organisational operations of government, which has enabled her to develop sound judgement, confident decision-making ability, an adaptable approach and significant political nous. Coupled with these skills is her collaborative, analytical approach to working through issues and communicating solutions and options and the ability to work effectively with a range of people in diverse situations.

Passionate about the long-term prosperity of Adelaide, Rebecca seeks opportunities to assist in the delivery of quality local investment in our state through facilitating efficient, pragmatic planning outcomes whilst considering the broader and local implications to the community.

Qualifications

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (University of South Australia) - Honours

Certificate 4 Front Line Management

Management Development Program – Thinking Strategically (University of Adelaide)

Impact Leadership Program (Proteus Education Centres)

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Training – Bell Planning

Affiliations

Board Member – Minister's Development Industry Advisory Committee (Planning Reforms)

Deputy Chair - Property Council of Australia Planning and Urban Design Committee (SA)

Corporate Member of the Planning Institute of Australia

Former Board Member – Development Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC) 2015-2017

Former Presiding Member, City of Marion, Development Assessment Panel 2008-2015

Former National Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) Board Member

Former State LGMA Board Member