

Rebecca Thomas

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

BA URP (HONORS), CERT 4 FRONT LINE MANAGEMENT

Expertise

- Planning and Property Strategist
- Statutory and Policy Planning
- Crime Prevention Through Design
- Community Engagement
- Governance

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, CPTED advice, 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.

Since 2011 Rebecca has worked in the private planning and property sector, initially with Connor Holmes (FYFE) and for the last 7 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 as Presiding Member of the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP). In 2018 Rebecca was 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.

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 the facilitation of effective, pragmatic planning outcomes whilst considering the broader and local implications to the community and the environment.



Qualifications

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

Certificate 4 Front Line Management

Impact Leadership Program (Proteus Education Centres)

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Training – Bell Planning

Affiliations

Presiding Member, State Commission Assessment Panel, June 2020

Level 2 Accredited Professional PDI Act

Corporate Member of the Planning Institute of Australia

Former Board Member – Minister's Development Industry Advisory Committee 2107-2020

Former Property Council (SA) Planning Committee Member 2015-2020

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

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

Former National and State Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) Board Member