



Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts in Planning –
University of South Australia

Graduate Diploma in Regional
and Urban Planning –
University of South Australia

University of Auckland
Executive Education – Project
Management

IAP2 Certificate in Engagement
(IAP2 Australasia)

Accreditations

Accredited professional –
Planning Level 2

Affiliations

Full member - Planning Institute
of Australia (PIA)

Member of the Urban
Development Institute of
Australia (UDIA) South Australia
Innovation in Development,
Sustainability and the
Environment Committee

CATHERINE ORFORD

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

BA (PLANNING), GRAD DIP (RUP)

EXPERTISE

- Statutory Planning
- Development Strategies and Project Positioning
- Project Management
- Planning Due Diligence
- Strategic Planning
- Community Impact Assessments for Liquor and Gaming Licences

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Catherine is a skilled planner with more than 20 years' experience in both the public and private sectors in Australia and New Zealand. She has particular expertise and interest in the preparation, positioning and management of a wide array of development applications on behalf of a range of clients.

Her initial career development within Local Government provided her with a solid grounding and knowledge in statutory planning and customer engagement and she was employed by Burnside Council (South Australia), North Sydney Council and Woollahra Council (New South Wales) as a Senior Planner.

Prior to joining the Ekistics team, Catherine worked in the private planning sector in New South Wales, South Australia and New Zealand, providing planning advice and expertise to a range of public and private clients, with a focus on optimising development quality and outcomes.

EXPERIENCE

She has been involved in managing, preparing and assessing a wide range of development and planning applications, from large scale residential, commercial and industrial developments through to residential greenfield and smaller scale infill development.

Catherine also has extensive experience in providing planning due diligence advice to clients on a diverse range of development proposals. A skilled writer, she has particular expertise in the preparation of thorough and comprehensive written planning arguments and assessment reports through her Local Government and planning consultancy roles and has experience in the preparation of evidence and attendance at hearings in the Environment Courts in various jurisdictions.

She has also prepared numerous Community Impact Assessments for Liquor Licensing and Gaming matters. She has strong negotiation and oral communication skills.