



Qualifications

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

Accreditation

Accredited Professional – Planning Level 2

Affiliations

Corporate Member of the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA)

Committee Memberships

Independent Member of the City of Onkaparinga Council Assessment Panel (2024 to current)

Committee Member of the Future Leaders Committee – Property Council of Australia (South Australia) (2025 to current)

BEN SCHNELL

ASSOCIATE

BACHELOR OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING (HONOURS)

EXPERTISE

- Statutory Planning
- Development Assessment
- Strategic Planning
- Project Management
- Local Government Administration

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Ben joined the Ekistics team in November 2020 and has since risen to an Associate role in the team.

Ben is currently an Independent Member of the City of Onkaparinga's Council Assessment Panel since 2024, and in 2025 has joined the Property Council of Australia's Future Leaders Committee.

Ben has valuable international experience working in Local Government in London as a Planning Officer from 2017 to 2020.

From 2014 to 2020 Ben worked as a Planning Officer for the City of Unley and City of Tea Tree Gully assessing development applications.

EXPERIENCE

Ben is an experienced town planner who is confident with presenting to Assessment Panels or negotiating with Relevant Authorities and is always seeking a positive outcome for our clients.

Ben has extensive experience in preparing and managing development applications, with a proven ability to navigate the Planning and Design Code to secure necessary approvals.

Ben has worked across a broad range of projects gaining valuable knowledge and understanding of effective project management.

Ben is experienced undertaking Code Amendment projects to rezone and revitalise sites and undertake comprehensive policy analysis.

Previous roles include working in several Local Government jurisdictions in Adelaide and London, gaining valuable international experience working on 'major' projects and is well-versed with how Local Government operates and how to work with local authorities to achieve a positive outcome.

Ben is passionate about challenging himself and making a difference for clients and the community.