



Qualifications

Bachelor of Planning (Honors) – University of South Australia

IAP2 Certificate in Engagement (IAP2 Australasia)

Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training, Bookabee Australia

Accreditation

Level 1 Accredited Professional PDI Act

Registered Planner – Planning Institute of Australia

Affiliations

Member – Planning Institute of Australia (PIA)

Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) – SA Division Committee Member (*Chair, Policy & Advocacy Sub-Committee*)

RICK HUTCHINS

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

BA URP (HONORS)

EXPERTISE

- Strategic Planning
- Statutory and Policy Planning
- Development Strategies and Project Positioning
- Concept Planning
- Community Engagement facilitation
- Local Government Administration

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Rick is a qualified urban planner with 25 years' experience across strategic planning, policy development and development assessment disciplines.

Prior to joining the Ekistics team, Rick worked with the City of Adelaide leading and managing multiple teams with responsibility for the statutory and policy planning, heritage, social planning and reconciliation functions. Rick has a detailed understanding of Local Government administration having led many process and procedure reviews and provided strategic advice to Council to inform its performance of legislative obligations.

Rick has acted as the lead planning advisor for many large and complex urban projects including large scale residential and infill developments, mixed use, industrial land development, community services and commercial developments, parliamentary submissions and major infrastructure projects. Rick has led the preparation of Code Amendments that have enabled city growth and protected heritage assets, including the coordination and facilitation of extensive community engagement.

Rick is an active participant in planning and development industry forums and is an advocate for planning systems that support sustainable, equitable and efficient long-term benefits to communities.

Rick is a current PIA SA Division Committee Member (and Chair - Policy & Advocacy Sub-committee) and has been a member of many reference groups and committees across areas including live music, heritage, airport operations and urban growth.

Rick is known for his calm, considered and collaborative approach. Rick thrives in taking on new challenges and is focused on providing bespoke solutions to customers.