Theresa James MPIA

Associate

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Qualifications

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Hons)
University of South Australia (2008)

Professional Affiliations

- **Planning Institute of Australia**
- **Urban Development Institute of Australia**
- **Property Council of Australia**
- **National Association of Woman in Construction**

Theresa loves development facilitation. She loves being inventive in how to assess development as simply as possible and forging personal connections during the assessment process.

Theresa's many years in Local Government gives her a deep understanding of development assessment and the objectives of different stakeholders. Her technical know-how means that she can easily engage with experts in areas as diverse as stormwater and traffic engineering, arboriculture and heritage conservation.

Particularly experienced in residential development, Theresa is always negotiating with homeowners, architects, building companies and neighbouring objectors. This means that she understands the issues that drive these stakeholders and can recommend options to quickly determine the best way forward. She is a straight shooter that builds relationships easily.

Determined and resourceful, she enjoys taking all development challenges and making them her own.

Areas of Expertise

- Development Assessment and Facilitation
- Advice and Negotiation
- Appearance before Council Assessment Panels
- Representation at ERD Court Conferences

Projects of Note

- Non-complying development in Office Zones
- Non-complying dwellings in Hills Face Zone and Residential Zone
- Child care centres in sensitive land use areas
- Multi-storey residential apartment complex in Historic Conservation Zone
- Various new housing schemes in sensitive heritage areas
- Special events such as outdoor markets
- Commercial development including shops, offices, service trade premises, retail showrooms
- Development involving State and Local Heritage Places
- Regulated and significant tree removal

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