



Matt Cooper
Director



“Planning has inherently become complicated. As a consultant planner, I enjoy the problem solving required to achieve workable solutions for developers or Councils.”

Matt Cooper brings over 20 years’ experience to GLN and an ability to consider many perspectives when tackling difficult planning issues.

Matt is sought after for due diligence and planning advice, particularly in relation to major land acquisitions and ongoing development approvals in new estates.

His extensive experience in all aspects of planning for greenfield estates, both within and outside Sydney’s Growth Centres, means Matt is also often called upon for development strategy, policy development, infrastructure analysis and funding solutions.

Matt’s innovative approach and passion for building strong client and stakeholder relationships help him deliver the best outcomes.

Expertise

- Greenfield planning
- Development approvals
- Contributions planning
- Infrastructure analysis
- Development feasibility
- Due diligence
- Project management
- Stakeholder management

Background

Matt holds a Bachelor of Planning from the University of NSW and a Master of Property Development from the University of Technology, Sydney. He has also continued his professional development by attending specialised courses in project management, negotiation and communication of planning concepts.

Before joining GLN in 2015, he held planning, project management and policy advisory roles with the Department of Planning and Environment, the Office of the Minister for Planning, Australand and Blacktown City Council.

Significant projects include:

- Growth Centres Housing Diversity Package (winner of the 2014 PIA NSW Division Award for Best Planning Idea)
- Rezoning of Austral and Leppington North
- South West Growth Centre Infrastructure and Staging Approach Review
- Enabling infrastructure packages for Leppington Town Centre and Austral
- Parramatta Infrastructure Funding Models Study
- Contribution plans for Austral, Leppington North, Ingleside and Vineyard
- Planning lead for numerous Sydney greenfield estates, including Altrove, Spring Farm, Argyle, Eden and Gilead.

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