



Patricia Sim
Senior Infrastructure
Planner



“Going from plan to place takes collaboration, creativity, and commitment. When infrastructure planning embodies these values, it supports vibrant and connected communities.”

Patricia is an urban planner and architect with infrastructure contributions experience in State and local government and in private consultancy.

Patricia is passionate about continuous improvement and challenging the concept of “business as usual”, driving change through inventive ideas across the infrastructure contributions, strategic planning, policy and procedures sectors.

Expertise

- Infrastructure contributions and planning including policy, review, implementation and forecasting
- Design thinking and creative problem solving
- Process and system review and change management
- Written, verbal and graphic communication

Education

Master of Urbanism (Urban and Regional Planning), University of Sydney
Bachelor of Science in Architecture, University of the Philippines

Background

Patricia was introduced to infrastructure contributions while preparing the Developer Contributions Toolkit in her time at the Western Sydney Planning Partnership. This Toolkit was prepared in consultation with Western Sydney’s growth councils with the purpose of supporting best-practice infrastructure contributions planning, including case studies and considerations for various council contexts.

Patricia put her experience in policy and procedure into practice, working as a Contributions Planner at both Liverpool City Council and Camden Council. She implemented both councils’ contribution plans and undertook reviews of growth area s7.11 plans.

Patricia led the restructure of Camden Council’s contributions framework, streamlining its portfolio from eleven contribution plans to five, and undertaking a comprehensive review and update of Council’s Contributions Planning Policy to ensure that the fastest growing LGA in Australia has a contemporary and responsive infrastructure contributions framework. Patricia’s experience, passion and insight means she is well positioned to support our local government clients through this process.

Patricia has also had experience in statutory planning, preparing development applications as well as strategic planning, particularly the preparation of design controls.

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Significant projects include:

- Review of City of Canada Bay Council's contributions framework.
- Preparation and negotiation of Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs) with local and State governments.
- Preparation of DCP controls for multi-storey warehouse developments for Canterbury-Bankstown Council (Architectus)
- Preparation of SEEs for residential, commercial and retail development across Sydney and NSW (Architectus).
- Restructure of Camden Council's contributions framework (Camden Council).
- Review of the Camden Contributions Plan 2011, Oran Park and Turner Road Contributions Plan and Heavy Haulage Contributions Plan (Camden Council).
- Preparation of the new Camden S7.12 Contributions Plan (Camden Council).
- Preparation of Council submissions to (then) DPIE and IPART's review of the local infrastructure contributions system.
- Review of contributions plans for Austral Leppington North, East Leppington and Edmondson Park (Liverpool City Council).
- Review and update of Liverpool City Council's VPA Policy / Procedure (Liverpool City Council).
- Preparation of Council's submission to the Upper House Inquiry on the Infrastructure Contributions Bill 2021 (Liverpool City Council).
- Preparation of the Developer Contributions Toolkit involving stakeholder engagement with Western Sydney growth councils (WSPP).
- Preparation of the Western Sydney Street Design Guidelines and Engineering Design Manual (WSPP).

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