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Peter McKenna
Director



"Innovative, best-practice land use planning is only part of the puzzle in delivering growth. The best plans must be underpinned by a workable and equitable development contributions and infrastructure funding framework to deliver the sustainable, liveable and prosperous communities of tomorrow."

Peter McKenna has practiced as a professional planner since 2002 with experience across diverse roles and projects spanning strategic and statutory planning, development contributions, infrastructure planning, leadership and advocacy.

Peter has extensive experience in the management and delivery of large greenfield rezonings in Sydney's South West Growth Area, ensuring that Peter has a thorough working knowledge of the planning framework and the management of stakeholder relationships across the private and government sectors to ensure that communities are delivered through workable planning controls and infrastructure delivery mechanisms.

As an experienced development contributions practitioner, Peter has managed a contributions plan portfolio with a value of over $1.5b and has negotiated planning agreements exceeding $200m. The exposure has provided Peter with a comprehensive understanding of the challenges in funding and delivering infrastructure for government and the private sector.

Peter has also represented local government in the delivery of the Western Sydney City Deal.

Expertise

- Development approvals, management and assessment.
- Planning proposals and DCPs, particularly greenfield release areas.
- Infrastructure and contributions planning strategies including development contributions plans, planning agreements, infrastructure delivery plans, and contributions efficiency advice.
- Stakeholder management and government liaison.

Background

Peter holds a Bachelor of Environmental Planning from Western Sydney University and a Diploma of Management from WEA Illawarra.

Prior to joining GLN, Peter held numerous leadership, planning and project management roles in local government including Camden Council's lead officer for the Western Sydney City Deal, managing the Growth and Advocacy branch, and leading the teams responsible for greenfield growth area rezonings and development contributions.

Since joining GLN, Peter worked on new and updated contributions plans for various councils across the state, prepared infrastructure delivery plans for urban and employment land rezonings, and assisted government and private clients with specialist advice on development contributions and planning agreements.

Peter has jointly prepared and hosted the popular PIA Planet and Planner's Summit infrastructure contributions webinars for the last four years and is a current member of UDIA's Infrastructure Committee.

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Significant projects include:

- Infrastructure delivery plans for urban rezonings ranging from 200 to 20,000 lots across NSW including SSDs and State Assessed Rezoning Policy proposals.
- Infrastructure delivery plans for employment land rezonings including Wilton, Picton and Menangle
- State and local planning agreements for greenfield developments ranging from 100 lots to 12,000 lots across NSW.
- Infrastructure delivery plan and contributions plan amendments to support the Campbelltown City Centre Planning Proposal, delivering the vision for Reimagining Campbelltown.
- Expert witness on Land and Environment Court appeals on development contributions matters
- Planning agreement to support the delivery of a $2B aged care facility masterplan
- New IPART reviewed contributions plan for the Lowes Creek Maryland growth area precinct in the Camden LGA and the Orchard Hills North precinct in the Penrith LGA.
- Updated contributions plans and planning agreements for the Menangle Park release area in the Campbelltown LGA.
- Review of Kempsey Shire Council's development contributions framework and the preparation of new plans and policies.
- Infrastructure funding and delivery strategy and draft contributions plan to support the vision for the St Marys Town Centre masterplan.
- Contributions strategy advice on the Woodville Road corridor for Cumberland City Council
- Planning agreement for a residential development on a former hospital site in the central west of NSW.
- Preparation of submissions to the NSW Government's infrastructure contributions reforms and Sydney Water DSPs for local government and private clients.
- Preparation of submissions and strategic advice on draft contributions plans for the Appin and West Dapto urban release areas
- Rezoning and delivery of Oran Park, Gregory Hills, Gledswood Hills, Catherine Field (Part), Arcadian Hills, Emerald Hills and East Leppington (Willowdale) release areas in the Camden LGA.
- Negotiation of planning agreements for greenfield release areas in the Camden LGA exceeding $200m in value.
- Adoption and IPART review of the $670m Camden Growth Areas Contributions Plan.
- Local government Lead Officer for the Western Sydney City Deal and draft Place based Infrastructure Compact (PIC).

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