



Paul Grech
Director



“You rarely get a black and white answer with planning – it’s about working through a complex range of issues and considering competing interests to find the right balance.”

Paul Grech applies his broad range of town planning experience to every project, delivering balanced, comprehensive and practical advice and outcomes.

Over his 37-year career Paul has become recognised as a leading expert in assessment of complex development proposals, due diligence and floodplain risk management.

Paul contributes voluntarily in various capacities including a role as the Director of Land Use Planning for Floodplain Management Australia and periodic lecturing with the University of Technology Sydney.

Expertise

- Development assessments
- Floodplain risk management
- Expert witness
- Due diligence
- Strategic planning

Background

Paul holds a Bachelor of Town Planning from the University of NSW (1st Class Honours), is registered Town Planner with the Planning Institute of Australia and is a qualified horticulturist (with Distinction).

Paul started his career with the NSW Government in the field of open space and recreation planning. Prior to co-founding GLN he ran his own consultancy and was a Director with private consultants, DFP Planning. Paul also has had experience in the local government sector with Campbelltown City and Wyong Shire Councils.

Significant projects include:

- Planning evidence at public hearings, Commissions of Inquiry, Supreme Court and over 400 Land and Environment Court matters.
- Independent assessment 'and report' for a range of development proposals undertaken for Council and Government agencies.
- Planning input to over 30 floodplain risk management studies in NSW and QLD, including the first Hawkesbury Nepean Floodplain Management Strategy (1997).
- Engaged by the QLD Flood Commission of Inquiry to provide advice and evidence.
- Due diligence planning review of East Leppington Precinct in the South West Growth Centre, and of Marsden Park Precinct in the North West (Stockland) and Mt Gilead Estate in the Macarthur region (LendLease).
- On-going involvement in the delivery of planning approvals within these estates and other urban projects.
- Planning studies and the preparation of draft LEPs and DCPs for councils, including Liverpool, Warringah, Campbelltown, Bland, Kur-ing-gai and Auburn.

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