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“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 over 19 years of local government 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, with a focus on stakeholder and relationship management across the private and government sectors to ensure that communities are delivered through workable planning controls and development contributions plans.

As an experienced development contributions practitioner, Peter has managed a contributions plan portfolio with a value of over \$1.5b and has negotiated voluntary planning agreements exceeding \$200m.

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

Expertise

- Strategic and statutory planning
- Greenfield release area planning
- Infrastructure planning
- Development contributions and voluntary planning agreements
- 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.

Significant projects include:

- Rezoning and delivery of Oran Park, Gregory Hills, Gledswood Hills, Catherine Field (Part), Arcadian Hills, Emerald Hills and East Leppington (Willowdale) release areas.
- Negotiation of voluntary planning agreements exceeding \$200m for Gregory Hills, Gledswood Hills, Catherine Field (Part), Arcadian Hills, Emerald Hills and East Leppington (Willowdale) release areas.
- Adoption and IPART review of the \$670m Camden Growth Areas Contributions Plan.
- Audit of Voluntary Planning Agreement and Works-in-Kind Agreement processes and procedures.
- Lead Officer for Western Sydney City Deal including liaison with the NSW and Commonwealth governments, participation in Western Sydney Planning Partnership, and Chair of Western Sydney Health Alliance.
- Council Lead for the Greater Sydney Commission’s draft Place-based Infrastructure Compact (PIC) for parts of Western and South-Western Sydney.

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