



Introduction to NSW planning system

Overview

The planning system is a fundamental component of local government in NSW. Councillors need to have a solid understanding of this system to do their job effectively.

The purpose of this workshop is to develop councillors knowledge and understanding of the NSW planning system so that they can make sound planning decisions.

This two hour interactive and collaborative workshop is specifically designed for councillors working in regional NSW.

Key learning outcomes

In this workshop, councillors will acquire the core knowledge to navigate and make decisions in the NSW planning system

The key learning outcomes include:

- / Overview of the NSW planning system
- / Understanding the key planning legislation including the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*
- / Explanation of key planning terms
- / Understanding of councillors decision making role in the planning system
- / How to act ethically when making planning decisions

Who should attend

The workshop is suitable for:

- / Newly elected councillors
- / Councillors wishing to build their expertise and knowledge in the NSW planning system

Maximum attendees: 20 people per session

What you will receive

All attendees will receive a handy reference guide on key planning terms used in the planning system, as well as a summary of the key legislation which makes up the planning system.

We also provide a unique follow up service to ensure that the skills and knowledge gained in the workshop “stick” in the longer term.

Location and price

We come to you to deliver our workshop – taking the cost and headache out of travel for your councillors and staff.

We do this for a fixed price inclusive of all travel costs.

We ask that you book a suitable venue and provide light refreshments for attendees.

Make a booking

To book a workshop for your Council, contact Emma Broomfield on:

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Our approach

We provide training and development workshops to councillors because we believe this investment in the skills and knowledge of your elected members improves the overall effectiveness of your council and therefore, the outcomes for your communities.

Our mission is to bring a fresh and exciting approach to training in the local government space by building the capability of your elected body.

With this in mind, our approach is:

- / **strength based** – so that councillors learn what to do, not just not what to avoid.
- / **collaborative and interactive** – so that councillors and staff can learn together and from each other as well as us.
- / **tailored** – so that councillors can learn from content which is relevant to their communities needs and the situations they encounter.
- / **practical** – so that councillors can learn from real life examples and not just the theory.

Our facilitators

Our facilitators are regional local government experts who have a unique combination of skills and training with qualifications in law, mediation, governance, planning and community engagement.

This means your councillors will gain insights from highly qualified experts who understand the regional context of local government.



Emma Broomfield
Director – Governance & Mediation

Emma is a nationally accredited mediator and trained lawyer with almost 20 years experience in the local government sector. She is a nominated Code of Conduct reviewer for multiple councils across northern NSW.

Her passion is helping others solve problems and work together for the benefit of their community. Emma is known for her empathic approach, practical focus and industry knowledge.



Cinnamon Dunsford
Principal Planner

Cinnamon is a Principal Planner with the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) and experienced community engagement practitioner with over 15 years' experience in the local government sector. She has a range of strategic, coastal, rural, environmental and economic planning experience.

Cinnamon holds the leading qualifications in community engagement from IAP2 and is known for her fantastic facilitation and communication skills.