



# Matthew Gilbertson is a Senior Associate at Glossop Town Planning.

Matthew is a qualified Urban Planner with over 10 years of industry experience across Victoria. He has extensive experience in strategic and statutory planning, with a passion for strategic planning policy development, implementation and review.

His strengthens include project management, and an intimate knowledge of current issues and trends across all aspects of the Victorian planning system.

Matthew is highly skilled across all aspects of statutory and strategic planning, having extensive experience as an advocate at both Planning Panels and the Planning List at VCAT on behalf of private and public sector clients including cross examination of expert witnesses. He has reputation for resolving complex projects across a wide range of residential, commercial, industrial and infrastructure planning matters. With an excellent eye for detail, and talent for writing he provides sound planning advice to public and private sector clients.

Matthew has a keen interest in catchment management and the role of the planning system in water quality protection.

Matthew is a lecturer and tutor at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University for the postgraduate Planning Program.

# Professional Skills & Expertise

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AND

DEVELOPMENT FACILITATION AND FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICES

STRATEGIC PLANNING, POLICY EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT

CATCHMENT PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

STATUTORY ASSESSMENT

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



# Recent key projects

#### Strategic Planning and Policy Development

- Development of the Secondary Dwelling Code for the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.
- Review of referral processes for VicRoads (now part of the Department of Transport).
- Preparation of an Implementation Plan to introduce updated flood mapping into the Melbourne Planning Scheme.
- Review of the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme.
- Peer Review of Buffer Areas Assessment for Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group.
- Review of stormwater management policy instruments for Melbourne Water.
- Review of the application of Section 173 Agreements for Melbourne Water.
- Audit of the Victorian Planning System for the Victoria Auditor-General's Office.
- Review of the Planning Services
   Department, which included a review of resources and benchmarking and staff satisfaction for Whitehorse City Council.
- Review of the Latrobe Planning Scheme (with Keaney Planning).
- Review of the Knox Planning Scheme (with Keaney Planning).
- Planning Services Review for Colac-Otway Shire Council.
- Development and introduction of Significant Landscape Overlay Schedules for rural areas for Nillumbik Shire Council.
- Audit of the Statutory Planning Department for Brimbank City Council.
- Development and introduction of the reformed residential zones and Housing Strategy for Knox City Council.
- Preparation of the Activity Centre Zone –
   Schedule 1 for the Chapel Street Activity
   Centre for Stonnington City Council.
- Review of the Neighbourhood Character Policy for Knox City Council.
- Review of Housing Opportunities in Commercial Areas for Knox City Council.
- Review of Standard Planning Permit Conditions for the Country Fire Authority.

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 Workshop facilitation and review of draft VicSmart provisions for the Department of Planning and Community Development.

#### Government Land

- Rezoning of the South East Outfall to residential for Melbourne Water.
- Management of amendment process and advocacy at Advisory Committee for the Former Yarra Hills Secondary College on behalf of the Department and Treasury and Finance.
- Advocacy at the Government Land Advisory Committee for Knox City Council.

# Water Quality, Catchment Management and Water Infrastructure

- Preparation of amendments to protect amenity buffers for wastewater treatment plants.
- Development and introduction of Environmental Significance Overlay to identify buffer and provide statutory protection in the planning scheme for Wodonga Water Treatment Plant for North East West.
- Submissions on behalf of water authority clients on the review of the Minister's Guidelines for Planning Permit Applications in Open, Potable Water Supply Catchment Areas (November 2012).
- Advice to water authority clients on protection of the Tarwin River Special Water Supply Catchment Area through the application of an Environmental Significance Overlay.
- Review of Environmental Significance Overlay – Schedule 1 to the Moorabool Planning Scheme.
- Review of Domestic Wastewater
   Management Plans for Moorabool and
   Hepburn Shires on behalf of water authorities.
- Advocacy at Planning Panels Victoria on behalf of Southern Rural Water in relation to various amendments seeking to rezone land within the Bacchus Marsh Irrigation District.
  - Advocacy at Planning Panels Victoria on behalf of Central Highlands Water for rezoning of the Gordon Township.





# Engagements

Sessional Lecturer and tutor, RMIT University (2016-current)

# **Publications**

M. Gilbertson, A. Hurlimann & S. Dolnicar (2011): Does water context influence behaviour and attitudes to water conservation?

Australasian Journal of Environmental Management, 18:1.

### Education

Bachelor of Urban Planning and Development (Hons), University of Melbourne.

# Professional

#### **Affiliation**

Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association (VPELA)