



Louis Barnett

Consultant

BSc (NatRes), GradDipEnvPlg

Key Expertise

- Statutory planning and development advice
- Report writing and editing
- GIS and spatial analysis
- Data collection, analysis and presentation
- Stakeholder engagement

Professional History

Louis embarked on his planning journey by moving to Hobart in 2021 to pursue a Graduate Diploma of Environmental Planning at the University of Tasmania (UTAS). During his time at UTAS, Louis worked on a sustainability project, conducting an energy audit of the University Centre building. He then completed a placement with the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) on an engagement project and then joined Glenorchy City Council as a planning officer in the statutory planning team undertaking development assessments.

Before entering the planning field, Louis completed a Bachelor of Science (Natural Resources) and worked on projects with the Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network (TERN), KESAB, and South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI).

Experience

During his tenure at Glenorchy City Council, Louis assessed a diverse array of development applications, including residential, commercial, industrial, and recreation proposals. Additionally, he actively contributed to the review of a Council-led planning scheme amendment aimed at facilitating high-quality urban design and apartment development. Throughout his engagement with GCC, Louis developed high quality report-writing, problem-solving, and communication skills. His ability to develop and maintain professional relationships with internal and external stakeholders contributed to his success in the role.

Louis' professional placement with PIA was focused on understanding and exploring the relationship between the Tasmanian planning system and climate change. The placement involved gathering quantitative data from planning professionals through interviews and surveys, aiming to gain insights into their experiences and perspectives. Subsequently, he formulated recommendations on how the planning system and planning scheme could be modified to be more climate-conscious.

Interested by the relationship between people and the built environment, Louis is motivated by the positive impact that well-designed buildings and public spaces can have on the community. As a systems-thinker, Louis is committed to achieving positive social, economic, and environmental outcomes in his work. He is adept at identifying issues and providing solutions to ensure the efficient delivery of projects. Louis is a skilled communicator, with the ability to convey complex information into accessible formats for diverse audiences, ensuring effective and clear communication.

Qualifications

Bachelor of Science
(Natural Resources)
(University of Adelaide)

Graduate Diploma of
Environmental Planning
(University of Tasmania)

Prizes

Roll of Excellence for
2021 (University of
Tasmania)

Affiliations

Member of Planning
Institute of Australia
(PIA)

Member of the Urban
Development Institute of
Australia (UDIA)

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