



# PLANNING

## GeoLINK

Our planners form an integral part of a multidisciplinary team which also includes civil engineering, environmental engineering, landscape architecture, ecology and environmental assessment.

The planning team works closely with these other disciplines to ensure a holistic approach to environmental design and management. The team uses a modern approach and sustainable planning principles to develop solutions that improve the use and management of land resources. GeoLINK specialises in planning services relating to mixed-use land development for private and commercial developers, and strategic town planning for local governments.

## Services

We offer expertise across a broad range of town and environmental planning, including:

- Advice and Documentation for Approvals Process
- Development and Rezoning Applications
- Strategic Plans
- Environmental Impact Statements
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Development Control Plans
- Local Environmental Studies
- Local Environmental Plans
- Plans of Management
- Expert Evidence

Our delivery is supported by other general services such as project management, community consultation, GIS analysis, illustration preparation, and reporting. We also have strong working relationships with specialist consultants providing services in the areas of traffic, geotechnical, heritage, air quality, and noise assessments.

## Projects

The GeoLINK planning team has a reputation for creating solutions to land use challenges that are forward thinking, innovative and community-based. A selection of landmark projects that showcase the team's skills and experience include:

- Bayshore Village mixed use development, Byron Bay
- North Shearwater Local Environmental Study
- North Coffs Local Environmental Study
- Coffs Harbour Industrial Lands Strategy
- Edgeworth Local Environmental Study
- Pacific Pines mixed use development, Lennox Head
- South Urunga, Residential Development
- Seniors Living Village, Casino
- Building the Education Revolution Program

## The GeoLINK planning team

Well-respected & highly-qualified, our planning team offers a broad cross section of experience and expertise.

### Simon Waterworth **BURBRegPlan; MBA; GradCert (Local Gov Mgt)**

#### Principal Planner | Director

Simon has over 18 years' experience in the planning and development industry. As well as managing the Coffs Harbour branch of GeoLINK, he project-manages large-scale multidisciplinary projects, including environmental impact assessments, statements of environmental effects, planning proposals and reviews of environmental factors. Simon also specialises in preparing social and economic impact assessments for a wide range projects, including agricultural, residential land release and urban mixed-use developments.

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### Simon Williams **BEnvP, MEnvLaw, CEnvP, RABQSA**

#### Principal Environmental Planner & Auditor | Director

Simon is an Environmental Planning and Environmental Law specialist with over 15 years' experience in environmental planning, approvals, land use and auditing within the development industry. Simon's qualifications and experience have enabled him to gain professional expertise in the key areas of environmental impact assessment, master-planning, community consultation, and environmental and planning licensing, permitting and approvals.

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### Sean Cochran **GDURP**

#### Planner

Sean has worked in NSW Local Government in the areas of community consultation, strategic planning, coastal planning, and project management. Sean also has experience in the private sector, working in the area of cultural heritage in Queensland. Since being employed by GeoLINK at the beginning of 2012, Sean has primarily been responsible for the preparation of Statements of Environmental Effects and Reviews of Environmental Factors reports.

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### Veronica Silver **BEnvSc. GradDip (UrbRegPlan), RPIA**

#### Senior Ecologist | Planner | Associate

Veronica specialises in flora and fauna field surveys, ecological monitoring, bushfire assessment, environmental impact assessment, and bushland regeneration. Veronica has further diversified her skills and knowledge in the built environment, having completed a Graduate Diploma of Urban and Regional Planning. Veronica is a Registered Planner with the Planning Institute of Australia. Veronica possesses high level project-management skills, developed through working with a broad range of public and private sector clients on challenging environmental projects. Having project-managed a variety of ecological and planning projects; she has significant skills in liaison and the management of multidisciplinary teams.

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### Kale Hardie-Porter **BURBEnvPlan (Honours)**

#### Environmental Planner

Kale is an Urban and Environmental Planner with a special interest in strategic land use planning for bushfires. Kale has a diverse range of skills within the environment and planning industry drawing on his formal qualifications and experience with various working environments. Since joining GeoLINK, Kale has been involved in environmental assessment projects including the preparation of Review of Environmental Effects, small to medium Statement of Environmental Effects and Onsite Wastewater Management Reports for the private and public sector in the Coffs Harbour and Bellingen region.

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### Jacob Sickinger **BURBEnvPlan (Honours)**

#### Urban and Environmental Planner

Jacob joined GeoLINK in 2017. He has worked on a variety of planning and environmental projects in both the public and private sectors. His experience includes: statutory planning and development assessment, reviews of environmental factors, statements of environmental effects, preparation of development applications, environmental impact statements and large multidisciplinary projects. Jacob assists GeoLINK's senior planners and environmental consultants with environmental investigations, community consultation initiatives, site visits, impact assessments and statutory planning report preparation.

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