



# PLANNING

## GeoLINK

Our planners form an integral part of a multi-disciplinary 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.

**Rob van Iersel** BAppSc MEIA

### Senior Planner | Principal

Rob has over 20 years' experience in statutory planning, strategic planning and impact assessment in local government and private consultancy. His interest lies in environmental and town planning in the coastal zone, particularly as it applies to local government. As a GeoLINK Director, Rob is responsible for the Environmental and Town Planning staff and projects.

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**Simon Waterworth** BUrbRegPlan; MBA; GradCert (Local Gov Mgt)

### Senior Planner | Principal

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 multi-disciplinary 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, MEIANZ, RABQSA

### Environmental Planner & Auditor | Senior Associate

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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**Grant McLean** BEnvSc

### Environmental Scientist

Grant joined GeoLINK as an Environmental Scientist in 2011. He works on a range of environmental, land use assessment and design projects, providing assistance with research, field work, analysis and reporting. Prior to joining GeoLINK, Grant was employed by Byron Shire Council as a Coastal Support Officer. Grant provided input into environmental projects, conducted field studies, created clear reports, researched legislation, and collected and analysed data.

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**Veronica Silver** BEnvSc. GradDip (UrbRegPlan)

### Ecologist | Planner | Senior 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 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 multi-disciplinary teams.

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