



LISA SCHIFF



Melting Pot Planning

PEOPLE & PLACE

"Personally, I have very much appreciated Lisa's input and insight into the politics and management of environmental management issues regionally, and have valued the support and mentoring she has provided to me and the team in her tenure as Chairperson."

*- Bradley Nolan, Director,
Environmental Division, Hunter
Joint Organisation of Councils*

PROFILE

Lisa Schiff is a highly experienced, top-level planner, widely recognised advocate and negotiator, with the demonstrated ability to form strong and collaborative partnerships with individuals, the community, and all levels of government.

She operates Melting Pot Planning, a consultancy born out of over 30 successful years in local government. She applies her considerable skills, and her passion for the environmental space and community engagement, to her small and friendly consultancy, focused on people and place.

Lisa brings to this role a deep understanding of council decision-making processes and strategic and political motivations; and the drivers behind community needs and expectations. She is agile and outcome-driven, and unrelenting in finding her way through complex situations.

She is also well-respected throughout local government for her ability to anticipate emerging issues. Recognition of her skills and experience has led her to become Chair of the Hunter Councils' Planning & Environment Division (now a Joint Organisation); to a seat on the Minister's Planning Advisory Panel; and to advocacy for community groups, resulting in positive outcomes to complicated issues within regulatory planning requirements.

LISA THE PERSON

Lisa was born in the USA, grew up in Africa and emigrated to Australia in 1969, having lived in seven countries. She loves walking in the wild spaces, especially central Australia, and has travelled extensively through the Outback, including a hike from Innamincka to Birdsville to raise funds for Juvenile Diabetes' research.

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"Lisa is highly regarded In the business community and community at large. I believe she would be a great asset to any organisation. She is a wonderful team leader and dedicated to her role and team."

*- Stephen Bromhead MP,
Member for Myall Lakes*

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She has also lived in the Outback, breeding Australian Stock Horses, Brahman cattle & working kelpies, and has had personal experience of issues faced by rural communities and people living on the land.

Lisa is values-driven and excited by cultural diversity; and studied planning to make a difference in her community. Along the way she has learned many things, not least of which is that the smallest interventions often have the greatest effects.

HOW CAN LISA HELP YOU?

She can assist you with most planning, regulatory and environmental matters, and would welcome your enquiries. She is also adept at community engagement, and available to mentor staff; prepare policy documents; undertake locum planning work; and fill in for staff on leave.

Lisa is also particularly well-equipped and willing to assist councils in preparation of Local Strategic Planning Statements and Crown Land Management Plans (see Appendix 1); and will keep you up-to-date with the rapidly evolving world of planning legislation.

TESTIMONIALS

A wide range of additional testimonials are available on request.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning
- University of New England
- Graduate Diploma of Planning and Design for Bushfire Prone Areas - University of Western Sydney
- Full Certificate in Community Engagement - IAP2 Australasia
- Certificate IV in Workplace Training & Assessment (TAE40116)
- TAFE NSW
- Foundations of Emotional Intelligence (EI) - Telesis
- Leadership in Crisis - Beyond Command and Control
- Australian Emergency Management Institute (AEMI)
- Emergency Planning for Local Government - AEMI
- Business Continuity Planning - AEMI
- Emergency Management & Business Continuity (Master Class)
- AEMI

APPENDIX – EXPLANATORY NOTE

LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENTS

Regional councils must now prepare Local Strategic Planning Statements (LSPS), as mandated by The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (March 2018). LSPS set a twenty-year vision for local land use; will be critical in the understanding of local strategic and statutory plan implementation; and must be in place for regional councils by early 2020.

CROWN LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS.

The Crown Lands' Management Act will commence on July 1st, 2018. This new Act will improve community engagement and governance by setting clear standards for Crown Land Management. Plans must be prepared by councils for reserves under their jurisdiction, as Community Land under the Local Government Act.

"Her knowledge of planning legislation, Local Government procedure and governance, analytical skills and problem solving attitude has been of great assistance to the committee and myself over a number of years "

*- Margaret MacDonald-
Hill, Independent Chair, Duralie
Coal Community Consultative
Committee*
