



TATAM PLANNING CO. CURRICULUM VITAE.





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→ CATRIONA TATAM.

SUMMARY.

Catriona Tatam is a qualified Senior Urban and Regional town planner with over 11 years' experience in local government, state/territory government, and private consultancy. Having completed her studies at Curtin University of Technology, Western Australia, Cat worked for the first five (5) years post-course completion in Perth, WA in state and local government roles at the Swan River Trust, City of Subiaco and then the City of Wanneroo.

Cat then worked in Queensland, New South Wales and the Northern Territory in a senior planner capacity for a private planning consultancies for the next three years, before moving into private consultancy in NT. Following a contract with the NT Government's (then) Department of Local Government, Housing and Communities as a Senior Project Officer within Planning and Housing Supply Unit, Tatam Planning Co. was born.

Cat is a high-level negotiator who is able to mediate between government and private sector to achieve outcomes across any project. She is able to prepare and submit complex and high-level submissions to and on behalf of Government. With strong project management skills, Tatam Planning Co. are able to plan and self-forecast priorities over the short and medium term.

Cat is the current CEO of the Urban Development Institute of Australia (NT), and Vice-President of the NT chapter of the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA). As a passionate town planner, Cat has a keen interest in rural and remote community planning, strategic policy and procedures, and urban design.

QUALIFICATIONS & AFFILIATIONS.

- Bachelor of Arts (Urban and Regional Planning) [Honours] - Curtin University of Technology, Western Australia. Thesis: *River Cities and the Importance of Urban Design & Placemaking*.
- Local Government Planners' Association (LGPA) (2012 – 2015). WA Member.

- Property Council of Australia (PCA) (2018 – 2020), including PCA 500 Women in Property Nomination 2019. NT Member.
- Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) (2012 – Current); WA member (lapsed), NSW Member (lapsed), NT Member (Current).
- Planning Institute of Australia (PIA); NT President (2019-2021); NT Vice President (2021- current).
- Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) (2015 – Current); NT Member.
- Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) CEO (2021 – current).
- Place Names Committee Advisory Panel, NT (2020- current).

CAREER.

- **Director**, Tatam Planning Co.

January 2021 – Current.

Having started Tatam Planning Co. in early 2021, Cat's expertise allowed her to quickly take on two consulting contracts with UDIA NT and Louw Group.

The business is quickly gaining an excellent reputation, aided by Cat's existing work in the planning space, and involvement with UDIA and PIA.

Planning projects to date include:

- Feasibility assessments.
- Development applications.
- Subdivision applications.
- Place Name applications.
- Growth Strategies.



- **Chief Executive Officer**, Urban Development Institute of Australia [NT].
March 2021 – Current.

Cat is the current Chief Executive Officer of the NT branch of the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA). Cat's role requires her to:

- Liaise with Ministers and NTG to drive policy and industry outcomes.
- Liaise with other industry bodies.
- Retain and grow membership.
- Facilitate events and networking opportunities for industry.
- Advocate on a Territory and Federal level for the NT housing and development industry.

Note: this is a part-time role, requiring a three-day per week commitment.

- **Project Manager**, Louw Group [NT].
March 2021 – September 2021.

Cat was engaged by Louw Group on a 6-month part-time contract as a Project Manager to work on a range of projects across the NT. Working closely with Louw Group Director Hermanus Louw, Cat took the lead on a number of projects and brought them to a successful completion.

A selection of major projects is listed below.

- » *Zuccoli Aspire, NT – Place Naming, project management of PCG and condition clearance.*
- » *Parkside Berrimah Estate, NT – Place Naming, project management of PCG and condition clearance.*
- » *St Vincent De Paul Society NT – Business Case on Redevelopment of Ozanam House.*
- » *Parap Streetscape Upgrade project, City of Darwin.*
- » *Venture Housing Company – Tennant Creek Development Feasibility Assessment.*

- **Senior Project Officer**, Urban Housing Unit, Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities, Northern Territory Government [NT].
January 2020 – March 2021.

Cat commenced work as a Senior Project Officer within the Planning and Housing Supply Unit of the Housing Programs and Support Services Directorate in the TFHC on a temporary contract in January 2020.

Cat's role required her to:

- Provide detailed planning advice to the Department, including preliminary development of asset management plans and undertaking strategic asset assessments.
- Analysis and assessment of available suitable land for public housing in line with the requirements of the NT Planning Scheme, including land servicing, related infrastructure and obtaining advice and planning approvals.
- Provide and prepare appropriate input into business cases, CEO memos, Ministerial Briefings and scoping documents.

- Represent the Department in the strategic planning of projects to improve public housing supply and whole of life functionality of assets with consultants and service providers in a cost effective and timely manner.
- Contribute to the development of strategies and policies by providing advice and recommendations on planning, asset management and delivery of future housing programs for new developments and redevelopment of existing infrastructure.
- Develop and maintain strong relationships with internal and external clients and stakeholders in relation to asset management and planning matters.

A selection of major projects is listed below.

- » *Urban Public Housing capital works program management and scheduling.*
- » *Urban Public Housing divestment program and asset management strategy.*
- » *Peko Road Development – AU\$5m / 10-unit development, Tennant Creek NT.*

→ **Senior Town Planner [NT], MasterPlan.**

2018 - 2020

Cat commenced work with MasterPlan in Darwin, NT as a Senior Town Planner in 2018. MasterPlan are a well-regarded private planning consultancy based in Darwin, Adelaide and Brisbane. Assisting the NT Manager, Cat provided development application advice on a range of residential, industrial and commercial projects. Her technical skill and broad knowledge of the planning sectors across Australia assists MasterPlan clients in achieving desired project deliverables and innovative planning solutions.

In her time at MasterPlan, Cat specialized in a number of areas, including:

- Tender response package preparation and submissions;
- Project Management;
- Due diligence investigations and advice;
- Small and large scale development;
- Change of use applications;
- Rural and remote developments;
- Exceptional Development Permits;
- Rezoning applications;
- Greenfield and brownfield subdivisions; and
- Strategic master planning.

A selection of major projects and winning tenders awarded are listed below.

» *Westin Luxury Waterfront Hotel*

This project relates to an 8-storey, 230-suite luxury Westin hotel on a prominent Waterfront site in Darwin. Cat's involvement was from DA lodgement through to approval, clearance of conditions and subsequent variation application for minor changes to approved development. This project has involved high levels of coordination with a large consultancy team and extensive consultation with Key stakeholders. The project (and subsequent

variation) was approved by the Development Consent Authority and site preparatory works have commenced.

» *Edith Farm Subdivision*

The Edith Farms Subdivision is a 10-lot rural-residential subdivision just outside of Katherine, NT. The project encountered significant environmental roadblocks, which necessitated extensive redesign and revised assessments, as well as a high level of negotiation and coordination between ourselves, the clients, government departments and specialist consultants. The project is in the final assessment stages, with all service authorities providing revised comments of support for the application.

» *CBD Car Parking Study*

The NTG commissioned a CBD-wide car parking study and review of existing strategic and statutory policies in place. Alongside Tonkin Engineers, Cat worked closely with the Department of Planning Infrastructure and Logistics and the City of Darwin to research, review, assess and evaluate the existing car parking demand, supply and legislative provision requirements in the CBD.

» *Arnhem Space Centre*

The Arnhem Space Centre is a rocket launching facility proposed just south of Nhulunbuy in East Arnhem land. The facility itself does not require approval due to the unzoned nature of the land; however, consent is required for both the subdivision (lease in excess of 12 years) and the extensive land clearing. Given the nature and scale of the project, a Notice of Intent was separately lodged with the Environment Protection Authority, however the development applications for the subdivision and land clearing have a high level of political sensitivity and environmental outcome requirements.

➔ **Darwin Manager [NT] & Senior Town Planner [QLD & NSW], Planit Consulting & Engineering.**
2015 - 2018

After relocating from Perth, WA, Cat commenced work with Planit Consulting in Darwin, NT as Darwin Manager and Senior Town Planner. As the sole employee of the Darwin branch office, Cat was responsible for her own project management and workload, deadlines and client liaisons. Having such an autonomous role in a new city forced her to rely heavily upon her own experience and skills, as well as expanding her planning knowledge. Projects included development applications, planning advice, rezoning amendment and subdivisions. During this time Cat worked on projects in the NT, QLD and NSW, eventually transferring to Planit's office in Kingscliff, NSW.

This gave Cat experience in subdivisions, residential developments, commercial developments, Feasibility Assessments, rezoning applications and project management of Post-DA work (including ancillary planning approvals, construction certificates and subdivision certificates) across NSW and QLD.

A selection of major projects and winning tenders awarded are listed below.

- » *Ivory Crescent Apartments, Tweed Heads*
- » *Pimpama Integrated Community & Sports Precinct, Pimpama QLD*
- » *Oakes Oval Redevelopment, Lismore, NSW*
- » *Berrimah Farm, Berrimah NT*
- » *Parap Pool Redevelopment, Darwin NT*
- » *Canungra Rise Estate, Canungra QLD*
- » *Blackmore River & Blackmore Village, Blackmore NT*
- » *Woolworths & Associated Shopping Centre, Bakewell NT*

→ **Senior Planning Officer & Planning Officer, City of Wanneroo.**

2012 – 2015

Within the role of Planning Officer, I dealt primarily with the assessment, progression and implementation of structure plans, structure plan amendments and Scheme amendments. Day to day work involved significant community consultation, the assessment and referral response on behalf of the City for detailed area plans and master plans. The position involved the assessment of a range of both residential and commercial development applications, including Development Assessment Panel applications, as well as liaising with external stakeholders where relevant on all applications, and assisting the general public with enquiries and applications.

A selection of major projects is listed below:

- » *South Alkimos Local Structure Plan*
- » *South Alkimos Recreational Plan*
- » *Subdivisions Stages 1 -14 at South Alkimos*
- » *Detailed Area Plans for Yanchep Structure Plan and Catalina Estate*
- » *Alkimos City Centre Activity Centre Structure Plan*
- » *Central Alkimos Local Structure Plan*
- » *Sprout Hub at South Alkimos*
- » *Yanchep City Centre Structure Plan*
- » *Girrawheen Blackmore Village Structure Plan*

→ **Planning Officer, City of Subiaco.**

2011- 2012

This position primarily involved the assessment of various types of development applications, including residential and commercial development, guided by the provisions of the City of Subiaco's Town Planning Scheme No. 4, relevant local planning policies and the Residential Design Codes. Further responsibilities included the consideration of environmental and heritage implications on development proposals; preliminary consultation and advice on development related matters to the general public; the formulation of council reports and memorandums; and the undertaking of policy review.

A selection of major projects is detailed below:

- » *Review of Liquor Licencing Policy*
- » *Multiple Dwelling Development, Rokeby Road*
- » *Heritage & Development Impact Assessment, Hamersley Rd*

→ **Planning Officer**, Swan River Trust.
2010 - 2011 [3 month contract]

This position involved land use planning and development in and around the Swan River Trust's Development Control Area to ensure minimal impact on the Swan Canning Riverpark; assessment of applications for development approval, permits and licenses in or near the Development Control Area and provision of advice on subdivision proposals, rezoning and other planning proposals; and the assessment of development proposals which were likely to impact on the Swan River in terms of land, water, native vegetation, biodiversity, native title and Aboriginal cultural heritage.

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE.

- A high level of experience in dealing with urban design, open space plans and master-planned areas for strategic, statutory, community and recreation purposes;
- A thorough working knowledge of the operation of planning schemes, policies, local laws and relevant State planning legislation in Queensland, Western Australia, Northern Territory, and New South Wales;
- The assessment of a variety of recreational, residential, commercial, industrial, educational and mixed-use developments, having regard to provisions contained within Structure Plans and other relevant legislation and policies within QLD, WA, NT, and NSW;
- Experience in the preliminary discussion, subsequent statutory assessment and overall consideration process for Open Space use plans, Masterplans, Structure Plans, Structure Plan Amendments and Scheme Amendments within QLD, WA, NT, and NSW;
- Experience in statutory assessment and consideration processes for subdivisions and applications requiring determination by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WA) or the Development Consent Authority (NT);
- Experience in the assessment of and report processes for Development Assessment Panel (WA) and Joint Regional Planning Panel (NSW) applications;
- Experience in tender submissions including solo, lead consultant and sub-consultant projects on behalf of company within QLD, NSW, NT and VIC;
- Experience in project management, budget control and staff reporting/coordination during live projects;
- Significant community consultation exposure;

- Review and development of Local Planning Policies and procedures;
- Experience in dealing with State Administrative Tribunal (WA) appeals and hearings;
- Conduction of site inspections and compliance investigations;
- A keen interest in place-making principles and practical urban design outcomes;
- Proven ability to liaise with the internal teams of various disciplines to facilitate a coordinated outcome;
- Establishment of excellent working relationships with both internal and external stakeholders, private consulting firms, developers and state government bodies on a range of projects;
- Provision of professional advice to the general public, developers and government representatives relating to development and subdivision;
- Written and oral communication skills with an ability to prepare reports, papers and correspondence which is appropriately targeted to a range of audiences; and
- The ability to effectively prioritise and manage workloads to meet deadlines and demonstrated flexibility in responding to changing priorities.

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