



John O'Grady

Current Position

Manager-Urban Planning

Principal - Urban
Planning / Landscape
Architecture

Profession

Urban Planner /
landscape architect

Years' Experience

30

Joined Cardno

May 2011

Education

B.Land.Arch, 1985;
M.Planning, 2006

Professional Registrations

Certified Practicing
Planner

Affiliations

Member Planning
Institute of Australia

Summary of Experience

John O'Grady is an urban planner and landscape architect with in excess of 30 years' experience in planning, landscape architecture and urban design. His particular expertise is in the areas of: urban renewal, town centre studies, master planning and due diligence. He has also had substantial experience in stakeholder consultation and preparation of plans of management for community lands and has worked with indigenous communities.

John currently manages the urban planning, landscape and urban design team in the Sydney office of Cardno. Along with serving external clients, he coordinates and personally provides expertise in these specialist areas across the Cardno Australia business.

Linked to his dual qualification in urban planning and landscape architecture, John has recognised expertise in visual quality analysis. He has given evidence on visual quality matters in the NSW Land and Environment Court and has acted as a Court Appointed Witness on visual amenity matters on numerous occasions.

During his professional career, John has had substantial experience in land use planning, much of which has involved major infrastructure works. Notable projects in this sphere have included visual quality analysis for the Waterloo Metro Urban Renewal project on behalf of the Urban Growth Development Corporation, visual character analysis for the Dural Precinct on behalf of the Hills Shire Council, peer review (Urban design and visual quality) for two proposed Transport Intermodal Interchanges at Liverpool on behalf of Liverpool City Council, visual analysis for extensions to a hard rock quarry at Karuah, NSW and for waste management facilities in metropolitan and regional NSW, and upwards of 30 visual impact reports for telecommunications infrastructure, many of which have occurred in visually sensitive localities such as National Parks.

Significant Projects

- > Western Sydney University - visual / landscape assessment for a proposed redevelopment within the grounds of a western Sydney campus of WSU (Confidential commission)
- > Waterloo Metro Precinct State Significant Development Application - visual quality analysis (current commission for UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation)
- > Peer review (urban design and visual impacts) of several significant Planning Proposals on behalf of Burwood Council
- > Technical review of a Planning Proposal for a major new mixed use community on the Cooks River, opposite the Sydney International Airport (on behalf of Bayside Council)
- > Peer review (urban design / visual quality) for the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal (2 separate proposals) for Liverpool City Council
- > Manooka Valley Planning Proposal - rezoning from rural to residential uses - urban planning, urban design and visual analysis
- > Fowlers Road, Dapto - urban design, landscape and visual quality services for extensions to an arterial road (Wollongong City Council)
- > Inner Sydney urban renewal program - visual quality / urban design services (current confidential commission for UrbanGrowth Development Corporation NSW)
- > Wyong Shire Major Transport Infrastructure Review, Wyong Shire Council
- > Coffs Harbourside master plan, Coffs Harbour Council / Department of Lands

- > Transport Interchange Scoping Studies - Bondi / Parramatta / Macquarie Park interchanges, TfNSW
- > Wollongong CBD Edge Study, Wollongong Council - urban design study for visually sensitive land between the eastern edge of the Wollongong CBD and the ocean foreshore
- > Cooks River Abandoned County Road Corridor - planning study
- > Lake Macquarie SEPP65 founding committee member (2005-) - provision of advice to Council on landscape, urban design and visual quality to inform assessments of development applications for Residential Apartment Buildings across the City
- > Waverley Council IHAP committee member (2005-2013)
- > Trinity Point Residential Community – design review on behalf of Lake Macquarie Council of a major mixed tourist and residential proposal, including a 290 berth marina on the foreshore of Lake Macquarie.
- > Caves Beach Beachside Tourist and Residential Estate - structure planning and visual quality analysis for a waterfront urban renewal project on the NW upper Central Coast
- > Eveleigh Street Redfern Community Centre, social planning and master planning
- > West Dapto Neighbourhood Plan & Planning Proposal
- > Wyong Industrial land Planning Proposal - amendment to LEP to allow tourist related uses - urban planning, urban design and visual analysis
- > Barton Highway Improvement Strategy - planning advice, NSW Roads and Maritime Services
- > One Mile Reach Anna Bay - expert evidence on visual impacts for a 22 unit ridgetop medium density residential development adjacent to Tomaree National Park - successful Appeal
- > Court appointed expert (visual quality) for an Appeal against a refusal of a DA to mine the last remaining natural sand dune at Kurnell, NSW.