



PLANIT

Strategic + Transport Town Planning

Professional Profile

Hope Watson RPIA

Hope is interested in sustainable development and ensuring planning decisions are strategic, facilitating improved outcomes for both the human and biophysical environment.

Hope is a registered planner who is a specialist in statutory, strategic planning and land use in the ACT. She enjoys advocating for and delivering planning outcomes that provide positive and equitable results for her clients, the community, and the environment. She enjoys the challenge of navigating projects through the complex planning and environmental approvals processes and working on a wide variety of projects with varied stakeholders. She has spent over 15 years working as an environmental and planning professional in NSW and the ACT in both consulting and government.

Hope has been a member of the PIA ACT Division Committee since 2022.

Hope enjoys competing in Ultimate Frisbee, a highlight was winning a bronze medal at the World Ultimate Championships in London in 2016 with the Australian women's master's team. Hope and her family built a modest, sustainable, 8 star rated home in Wright. She also enjoys hanging out with her family, cycling and she has recently taken up Disc Golf.



B Sc (Applied Geography)

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Example Projects

Strategic and Land Use Planning

Planning Studies to support Territory Plan variations
Kaleen Sports Club, Section 79 Phillip, Kamberra on
Federal, Westfield Belconnen, Thoroughbred Park.

Planning Advice to support the Northside Canberra
Hospital Technical Advisory Panel Business Case
managed by Arup for ACT Health.

Planning Advice for Northside Canberra Hospital
Enabling Works.

Residential and Commercial

140 Unit Build to Rent Development, Section 79
Phillip.

Multi Unit Residential Development, Section 79
Phillip.

Bonner House Office Redevelopment Approval,
Scentre Group

Development Approvals and community consultation
for the adaptive reuse of Northbourne House for
Hotel, and mixed use development including 26
apartments, Town house developments.

Various Works Approvals

Stromlo Leisure Centre, Block 17 Section 2 Pialligo,
Manuka Oval, Dragon Boat ACT Facility, Cycle Path
Upgrades.

Community Facilities

Planning Advice to support the Northside Canberra
Hospital Technical Advisory Panel, managed by Arup
for ACT Health.

Planning advice and development application for
Stromlo Forest Anglican College for the Anglican
Church Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, project
managed by Colliers International.

Community Facilities Planning Review for various
sites in Belconnen and Woden for Lockbridge.

Recreation

Namadgi Campground upgrades, ESO and DA, Parks
and Conservation Services (current).

Development Approval for Mulligans Flat Woodland
Sanctuary, Throsby.

Amendments to Manuka Oval Media Centre.

Expertise

Statutory Planning & Development Approvals

Land use planning & management

Environmental Impact Assessment

Environmental Significance Opinions

Community Engagement

Multi-disciplinary Project Management

Professional Affiliations

Member of Property Council Australia

Registered Planner, Planning Institute of Australia

PIA ACT Division Committee member 2022-25

Referees

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Education

Bachelor of Science in Applied Geography
University of New South Wales