

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Registered Planner PLUS (EIA) accredited

NSW Planning Institute Full Member (NSW) Registered Planning + EIA – currently completing certification

2003 – 2005 Western Sydney University

Master of Environmental Management

1999 – 2002 University of New England

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning

1997 – 1999 Western Sydney University

Bachelor of Environmental Planning

WORK EXPERIENCE

2016 - Present Think Planners Director

2009 – 2015
Penrith City Council
Principal Planner and Senior
Environmental Planner

2007 – 2009 GL Hearn (UK) Senior Planner

2005 – 2007 City of Ryde Client Manager - Planner

2001 - 2005
Penrith City Council
Senior Environmental Planner

1999 - 2001 HASSELL Graduate Planner

SCHANDEL FORTU DIRECTOR

Schandel is an expert town planner bringing global and local strategic expertise of more than 20 years to connect people from all walks of life to their next home, workplace or recreational space.

She applies industry best practice to shape buildings that suit local communities and their sustainable growth needs. And, brings ability to navigate and balance regulatory complexity to ensure projects deliver maximum well-being and lifestyle choices.

Schandel offers passionate and authentic approach to create projects from small to complex. In addition, has a passion for solving for planning needs, while fostering deep connections with stakeholders, spanning local and state governments and communities.

Her experience in local government coupled with her consultancy work allows for superior insights and development outcomes. Schandel joined Think Planners in 2016 being responsible for strategic planning related work associated with Planning Proposals as well as providing planning advice on a range of development projects and assisting with gaining development approvals.

Having previously spent a total of 12 years of her career in local government in a variety of roles including leadership of development assessment teams and bringing forward major Planning Proposals, she is highly skilled in navigating the complexities of the New South Wales planning system.

Schandel has also worked on advising Sydney Metro on several planning matters relating to the Burwood North and Five Dock station precincts.



