

A Quod profile



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Areas of expertise

Sophie's diverse range of experience in project management, stakeholder management, strategic planning and policy development in the private and government sector provides a unique skillset to the team. She has a particular interest in infrastructure projects, working on the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Plant, the Stonestreet Green Solar DCO, improvements to the Queensland local infrastructure framework and the new Caboolture West structure plan.

Sophie's experience in infrastructure projects and planning policy development provides high quality attention to detail and thorough research and analysis skills to identify and resolve potential problems before they occur.

Key experience

Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Plant – Southern Waters - The Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Plant Project is for a new water recycling plant (WRP) and pipelines south of Havant. The project includes transferring recycled water from the WRP via a new pipeline to the planned Havant Thicket Reservoir. Water from the reservoir would then be transferred to via a new 40km pipeline to the water treatment plant to be treated for supply to homes and businesses. The project is recognised as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and Sophie and the team are working towards a Development Consent Order. Sophie supports the planning strategy of the project, which includes building evidence of project need, documenting site selection and supporting consultation. Sophie is the Local Authority Engagement Coordinator for on behalf of the client and coordinates engagement with eight host authorities.

Stonestreet Green Solar Project (2023) – Evolution Power - Stonestreet Green Solar Project is for ground-mounted solar PV arrays and on-site energy storage, together with associated

Key projects

Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Plant
Stonestreet Green Solar Project
Caboolture West Interim Structure Plan
Beerwah East Major Development Area
Northern Inter-Urban Break

Key stateholders

Southern Water
Evolution Power Limited
Columbia Threadneedle Investments



infrastructure and an underground cable connection to the existing National Grid Substation. It is anticipated to generate up to 99.9 megawatts of electricity to be imported/exported to the national grid. The project is recognised as a NSIP and Sophie and the team are working towards a Development Consent Order (DCO). Sophie is coordinating the Consultation Report and developing the Statements of Common Ground and Statement of Commonality, as well as supporting community and regulatory engagement. Sophie coordinates technical inputs and materials for the DCO application, supports and assures consultation deliverables, including managing any PPAs/SLAs and related budgets.

Caboolture West Interim Structure Plan – Queensland

Government - Prior to employment with Quod, Sophie was leading an amendment to the planning regulation to introduce the Caboolture West structure plan into Queensland's planning system. First time this has been done in Queensland, Sophie worked with the project and legal teams, advising on strategic policy requirements, providing strategic direction to the project to give it statutory effect and preparing instructions to draft the regulation. Sophie also managed the interests of key stakeholders for the land, including the relevant local council, government departments, ministerial officers and the development industry. She negotiated outcomes on behalf of the department to meet project objectives and timeframes. Particularly challenging was reflecting the project intent in the drafting of the regulation.

Beerwah East Major Development Area – Queensland

Government - Sophie worked on developing a business case to transfer State Forest land to urban development for 70,000 residents by 2041. With a vision of exemplar development, Sophie and her team engaged with infrastructure providers, local council, environmental teams, and land tenure experts to identify the potential infrastructure and land tenure costs, development footprint and key issues associated with the business case. She was responsible for managing contracts, leading specific workstreams of the project, managing project stakeholders, assisted with the governance structure and providing strategic direction for meeting the objectives and policy requirements of the project. Challenges included managing key stakeholder expectations of the project and identifying a process to convert the tenure of the land to freehold.