

# Environmental Legislation and Approvals



## Capability Statement

### Services

- Due diligence in property acquisition and disposal and project planning.
- Approval procedures and applications for obtaining and facilitating compliance with environmental approvals from Council Local Laws to State legislation.
- Fieldwork, reporting and submission of Property Map of Assessable Vegetation (PMAV) applications to replace regional ecosystem (RE) and regrowth maps under the Queensland Department of Environment and Natural Resource Management (DERM) for determining the location of vegetation assessable under the Vegetation Management Act 1999.
- Environmental assessment and approvals for community infrastructure under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009.
- Environmental assessment and approvals for State Development Areas under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009.
- Advice on Matters of National Environmental Significance under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.
- Compiling Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) to accompany development permits so as to comply with relevant State legislation including the Sustainable Planning Act 2009.
- Compilation of information for relevant registration certificates required for environmental relevant activities under the Environmental Protection Act 1994.
- Queensland Planning and Environment court appeal expert witness capabilities (Dan Clowes and Dr Jarrad Cousin).

Over the last 20 years, awareness of negative environmental impacts has led to a proliferation of environmental legislation. Literally dozens of Acts, regulations, policies and plans now affect all aspects of project design from site selection and acquisition to construction and operation. Litoria Consulting have a proven track record in successfully addressing the complexity of federal, state and local government legislation and regulatory requirements.

From due diligence services in property acquisition and disposal through to regulatory compliance and environmental auditing, Litoria Consulting can assist in all elements of environmental approvals and regulation. Our experience in the practical application of legislation and understanding of the regulatory environment allows us to rapidly identify regulatory constraints and risks and navigate our clients to a desired solution. Our approach minimises the likelihood of needing to re-address such issues at subsequent decision stages, avoiding costly design changes and variations – providing solutions for the delivery of projects on schedule and on budget.

Litoria Consulting keeps abreast of changes to federal, state and local government legislation, whether new legislation is introduced, or existing legislation is amended or repealed. As a result, our clients can be assured that any information or advice provided by Litoria Consulting will be current and up-to-date.

Litoria has a detailed and regularly updated internal fauna and flora database that provides the most up-to-date information on all native and introduced species, from changes to threatened species designations, to amendments to pest species lists, so that our clients can be assured of having the most up-to-date advice. Furthermore, we maintain a network of professional contacts throughout Australia in order to be at the front-line of knowledge in regards to environmental legislation and regulation.

In addition to best-practice industry standards, Litoria Consulting also provides clients with solutions and recommendations that are evidence-based and scientifically rigorous, drawing on many years of experience in the environmental consulting field. Such innovation has seen Litoria Consulting become the preferred environmental scientists for some of the largest private and government clients in Australia, with a very strong retention rate.



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