Many activities carried out by Councils require some form of environmental assessment and in many cases a number of approvals may be required before work can be lawfully carried out.

This seminar will step through the requirements of a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and how they should be prepared. We will also cover the requirements of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) and all other approvals that may be relevant to the activity.

We will work through the steps you need to take before commencing work and cover important questions such as:

Session 1: Review of environmental factors (REF) – when is a REF required? What should be included in a REF? (including format, content and consultation)

Session 2: Environmental impact statement (EIS) – when is an EIS required? What should be included in an EIS? (including format, content and consultation)

Session 3: Commonwealth environmental approval requirements – when is a referral required under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) and what type of assessment will be required for impacts on matters of national environmental significance? The role of bilateral agreements in NSW and what they mean for the assessment and approval of your project.

Session 4: The magical world of the Infrastructure State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) – what forms of development can be carried out as exempt and complying development?

Session 5: The magical world of the Infrastructure SEPP – what forms of development can be carried out as exempt and complying development?

Session 6: Other forms of environmental approvals – what else is required in addition to your planning approval? How do the requirements to obtain these approvals align with planning law? A discussion of how to best plan your projects to obtain all your relevant approvals in the timeframes that you require.

Session 7 - Overview of Native Title Issues
Environmental Assessment + Overview of native title issues

PRESENTER Patrick Holland LLB BSc. Grad Dip Applied Science - Partner - McCullough Robertson Lawyers

Patrick has over 25 years experience working in the energy and resources sectors acting for major mine operators and is acknowledged as having 'unrivalled knowledge' of mining operations, mining law and electricity issues by Australasian Legal Business.

Practising in the areas of mining, environmental management and regulation, government policy, water management, property development and planning, Patrick’s expertise extends to obtaining major project approvals for resources and infrastructure projects, including overseeing the preparation of project applications and environmental assessments.

Patrick is highly regarded in the construction industry for his skills and experience in advising and acting for contractors on a range of environmental regulation matters. He has extensive experience dealing with the New South Wales Department of Environment Climate Change and Water and in particular the Environment Protection Authority.

Patrick has previously been Senior Policy Adviser to the New South Wales Environment Minister and was involved in mining, forestry, environmental regulation and protected area management. He also provided detailed advice on the drafting of legislation in New South Wales.

Specialisations

ENERGY - ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS & REGULATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT - NATIVE TITLE - PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT - RESOURCES - STATE GOVERNMENT - WATER - PROPERTY - FINANCE

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Those people who should attend this workshop include property managers, native title managers, engineers, environmental officers, supervisors, public works managers, consulting engineers, technical and operational staff, inhouse legal etc.