



CAREER OVERVIEW

2023 –
Principal Planner, Echelon

2018 – 2023
Senior Urban Planner, Echelon

2013 – 2018
Urban Planner, Echelon Planning

2012 – 2013
Planning Assistant, Echelon Planning

QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Urban Planning,
Melbourne University

Bachelor of Commerce,
Melbourne University

Diploma of Languages (German),
Melbourne University

MEMBERSHIPS

Victorian Planning & Environmental Law
Association

Planning Institute of Australia

Julia Abbinga

PRINCIPAL URBAN PLANNER

Julia has been working with Echelon planning for over 10 years and during that time has worked on a range of projects with a focus on development facilitation for residential infill and masterplanned communities as well as being involved in the preparation and implementation of planning scheme amendments and PSPs.

Julia excels at bringing ideas from across disciplines together and creating practical solutions for the project which balance planning and development interests. She is an enthusiastic and personable urban planner with a focus on detail to ensure the best possible planning outcomes are achieved.

Julia's main areas of expertise include:

- Preparation of planning permit applications;
- Preparation of planning scheme amendments;
- Research and report writing;
- Statutory planning implementation and processes;
- Preparation of due diligence advice;
- Project management of multidisciplinary teams;



Project Experience

DEVELOPMENT FACILITATION & PROJECT APPROVALS

Julia has extensive experience in assisting clients to prepare and obtain development approvals. This includes establishing the planning approach, preparing planning reports, project managing sub consultants and reviewing plans to ensure compliance with relevant standards. Julia's role includes ongoing liaison and advice to Council/ Government Authorities and the client through the application process.

Julia has worked on residential, commercial, educational and retail development. Some of the recent projects Julia has worked on at Echelon Planning include:

- High density affordable housing apartment project in Coburg
- 300 town house development in Altona North.
- Deliberative Development apartment development in Brunswick West
- 250 town house development in Wantirna
- 22 apartments/townhouse complex in Camberwell
- Mixed use apartment complex including retail, 140 apartments and 40 serviced apartments in Maribyrnong
- Project managing the various Olivine Estate subdivision applications in Donnybrook.
- Prep to Year 12 school and early childcare facility in Donnybrook
- 11 storey commercial tower in Frankston CBD

STRATEGIC ADVICE AND PROJECTS

Some of the recent strategic project Julia has worked on at Echelon Planning include:

- 20 Minute Neighbourhood Place Planning Guidance (DELWP)
- Wantirna South Quarry Planning Scheme Amendment
- Ballarat West Employment Zone Development Plan and Planning Scheme Amendment Advice (Development Victoria)
- Corowa Urban Design Framework (Corowa Shire Council)
- Western Stawell Business Precinct Masterplan (Northern Grampians Shire Council)
- Public consultation for the Stonnington Activity Centre Strategy (City of Stonnington)