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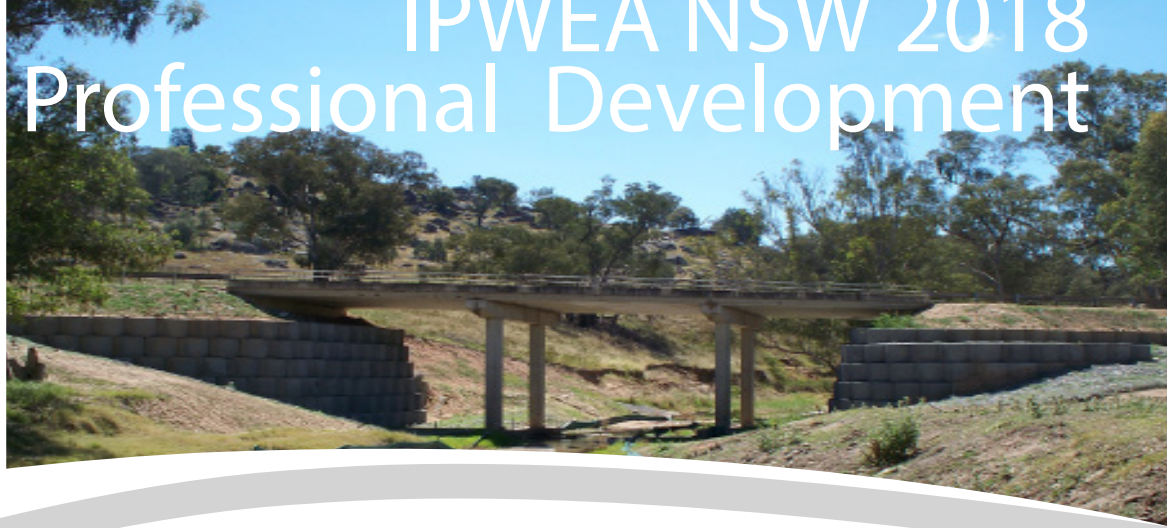
Many activities carried out by Councils require some form of environmental assessment and in many cases a number of approvals may be required before work can be lawfully carried out.

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:

1. Is an REF or an EIS required?
2. What must be included in an REF/EIS (including format, content and consultation)?
3. Does the EPBC Act apply and how should impacts on matters of national environmental significance be assessed?
4. What other approvals may be required before work can commence?

This seminar will include case studies of the complex situations often faced by Councils in gaining approval for activities. If you have an example or issue you would like us to work through in the seminar, please email Elsie Pathmanathan in advance at elsie.p@ipwea.org.



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PRESENTERS

Kate Swain - Special Counsel - Mccullough Robertson Lawyers

Kate is a senior member of McCullough Robertson's environment and planning team and has worked extensively for publicly listed corporations, private organisations and individuals as well as government clients throughout New South Wales and particularly the Hunter Region. Kate regularly advises on the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, Local Government Act, Mining Act, Water Management Act, Protection of the Environment Operations Act and all other aspects of environment and planning law. Kate provides complex legal advice in relation to a breadth of environmental, planning, and administrative law issues. Kate also has a Master of Environmental Law focusing on climate change issues. She has assisted with various litigation matters in the Land and Environment Court in particular Classes 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8 matters as well as judicial review proceedings in the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the Court of Appeal.

Patrick Holland - 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.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Those people who should attend this workshop include engineers, environmental officers, supervisors, public works managers, consulting engineers, technical and operational staff.

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