

## EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

1989 – 1993  
University of New South Wales

**Bachelor of Town Planning.**

1995 – 1996  
Macquarie University, School of the Environment

**Post Graduate Diploma in Environment Studies.**

**2023 REAP Accreditation**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**2012 - Present**  
**Think Planners Pty Ltd**  
*Director & Partner*  
*Planning – statutory and strategic*

**2008 - Present**  
**Byrnes PDM Pty Ltd – Plan Design Manage**  
*Director & Owner*  
*Planning & Development Management*

**2007 – 2008**  
**Becton Property Group, Sydney**  
*Development Manager*

**2003 – 2007**  
**Estate Constructions of Australia, North Sydney**  
*Development Manager*

**2003**  
**Auburn Council**  
*Team Leader Strategic Planning*

**2001 – 2002**  
**An Bord Pleanala, Ireland (Irish Planning Board)**  
*Planning Inspector*

**1998 – 2001**  
**Warringah Council**  
*Principal Strategy Co-ordinator*

**1997 – 1998**  
**Manly Council**  
*Strategic Planner*

**1991 – 1997**  
**Hornsby Shire Council**  
*Town Planner (Development Assessment + Strategic)*

## ADAM BYRNES

Adam has over 25 years' experience as a Town Planner in both the public and private sectors.

Adam commenced his planning experience in Local Government at a number of Councils within the Sydney metropolitan area (Hornsby, Manly, Warringah and Auburn). Following a year working for the Planning Appeals Board in the Republic of Ireland, Adam joined the private sector as a Development Manager for Estate Property Group and then Becton. In 2008 Adam established Byrnes PDM (Plan Design Manage) a small planning and development management firm. In 2011 David Borger and Adam Byrnes established Think Planners, a town planning firm with a Western Sydney focus.

Sound experience in both statutory and strategic planning, along with an appreciation of the commerciality of projects and their delivery, has served Adam well in his ability to serve clients, whether multinational companies or first time developers.

Adam, along with fellow Directors Jonathon Wood and David Borger, have grown Think Planners in a short period of time into a medium sized planning firm that has an excellent client base and a



long list of successfully approved and completed projects.

In recent times, Adam has focused his attention on providing high level planning advice in relation to progressing and delivering significant projects; liaising with Government; presenting to Design Panels and Determination Panels; running Design Excellence Competitions; advising on land acquisition activities, and appearing as an Expert Witness at the Supreme and Land and Environment Courts of NSW.

Adam is a Registered Planner (PIA) and in 2023 attained the accreditation of a Registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner (REAP) allowing him to review and endorse EIS submissions for State Significant Development (SSD) and State Significant Infrastructure (SSI).