

## REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (REAP) SCHEME

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) launched its Registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner (REAP) Scheme on Thursday 1 July 2021.




From July 2022, all Environmental Impact Statements for State Significant Development (SSD) projects in NSW will need to be certified by a REAP before submission to DPE.

The REAP Scheme is part of a suite of system improvements recently implemented by the NSW DPE designed to increase the efficiency and quality of major project assessments. The REAP Scheme provides environmental assessment quality assurance for SSD projects and supports informed and appropriate decision making during the assessment process.

The Scheme introduces new quality assurance measures that ensure registered practitioners are involved in the preparation and finalisation of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) submitted to DPE.

The Planning Institute of Australia's Certified Environmental Practitioner Scheme (CEnvP) has been accredited by the NSW Government to certify suitably qualified and experienced practitioners as REAPs. Practitioners must meet high standards of experience, professional conduct and ethical behaviour to be credentialed of an environmental professional.

James Bailey, Manager of James Bailey & Associates, was certified as a REAP on 11 March 2022 and as such is available to certify SSD EIS's for submission to the NSW DPE.

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