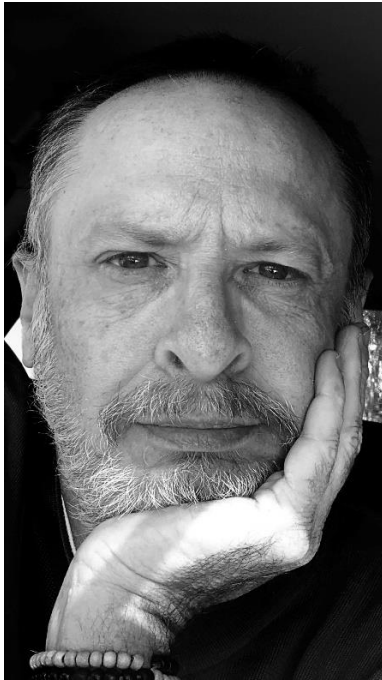


Tony Comrie

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MISSION STATEMENT

I want to bring town planning in Queensland into the modern era - make it accessible, client focused, affordable, honest – and get some certainty back to reduce investment risk.

Property development is not a 'dirty' term. It underpins the economy; provides homes, hospital, and workplaces; and increases the rate base so Councils can fund infrastructure and services – but it should not be done at any cost. There are rules and processes, and consultants should act ethically to instil confidence.

But in Queensland, things aren't always don't this way. Much has to do with the lack of experience most planners have of other jurisdictions and planning systems, and the historic lack of choice developers have. This has also led to developers paying excessively high fees and services which haven't changed much in over 30 years.

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PROFILE

- Bach Arts. James Cook University (Geography and government).
- University Masters Urban & Regional Planning (Uni. Melbourne, Vic.).
- 15 years' town planning, Melbourne - comprised of 8 years in the private sector, 7 years in local government, & 2 years in state government.
- Senior, team leadership, management roles.
- 4 years prior experience in the law.

AREAS OF PARTICULAR EXPERTISE

- Expert town planner.
- 'Hard' and 'soft' systems and process improvements.
- Pre-site purchase development constraints and opportunities investigations and advice.
- Land sale/swap negotiations.
- Project team coordination and management.
- Client/developer advocacy.
- Pre site purchase/lease land use and development appraisals and advice.
- Development negotiation and facilitation.
- Statutory and strategic planning policy development.
- Expert evidence and appeals advocacy.

VERY DIVERSE LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

- staged 'green' and 'brown-field' master planned residential and mixed-used estates.
 - medium and high-density residential development.
 - rural and rural-residential subdivisions.
 - aged and other health care facilities.
 - primary, secondary and tertiary educational institutions.
 - shopping centre extensions & commercial/retail developments.
 - places of worship.
 - telecommunications facilities.
 - business advertising signage.
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- Development application reports for mobile telecommunications facilities (Brisbane, regional Queensland, and the Northern Territory).
- Preparing and lodging DAs/obtaining approvals for dual occupancies (Sunshine Coast).
- Advising landowners on subdivision and development options.
- Pre-application submissions seeking in principle support for development applications (Sunshine Coast).

2019– 2020 Uni. of Sunshine Coast	- PhD (currently deferred) – <i>‘Climate change policy (CCA) implementation actor behaviour as a factor in CCA policy implementation effectiveness - a study of CCA policy ‘motivational behaviour’ amongst coastal local government CCA policy implementation actors in Queensland, Australia.’</i>
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2017 QUT Brisbane	- Further under-graduate studies in town planning.
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2012 – 2015 Maroondah City Council Team Leader Dev. Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Managing/assessing a portfolio of complex permit development applications/projects – and monitoring construction of approved staged residential estate developments. - Negotiating permits/permit conditions with developers. - Advising on planning scheme compliance. - Organising/facilitating Councillor community consultation meetings. - Appeals tribunal advocacy. - Mentoring, training, guiding, and leading a multi-disciplinary team. - Inter-departmental/referral authority liaison.
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2011 – 2012 Glenvill P/L Principal planner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developed and implemented an 'in-house' planning consultancy service. - Trained colleagues. - Obtained building and planning approvals.
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2009 - 2010 Boroondara CC Sen. Planner.	- Assessed a diverse range of planning permit applications.
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2007 – 2009 Tomkinson P/L Sen. Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivered integrated land use and development consultancy services (major and middle tier developers, rural and rural residential landowners, medium density residential and commercial property developers. - Land capacity and development feasibility assessments. - Appeals tribunal advocacy. - Team leadership.
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2005 – 2006 Urbis Planning consultant	- Commercial land use and development applications, land capacity and development feasibility assessments, and VCAT advocacy.
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2003 – 2004 Coomes Consulting Planning consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivered integrated land use and development consultancy services (major and middle tier developers, rural and rural residential landowners, medium density residential and commercial property developers. - Planning scheme amendments. - Land swap negotiations. - Land capacity and development feasibility assessments. - Appeals tribunal advocacy.
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2002 Hobsons Bay City Council Statutory planner	- Planning permit application assessments, public consultations, applicant meetings and negotiations.
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2001 - 2002 Vic Govt Dept Infrastructure Policy Officer.	- Strategic and statutory land use and development policy development and review (Melbourne 2030, ResCode, new formal planning scheme reviews), and community consultations.
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2000 – 2001 Uni. Melbourne	- Masters Urban & Reg. Planning
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