**List of Professional bodies who certify and provide advice on consultants**

A development application may require professional input depending on its complexity. An applicant can hire a certified consultant to provide this information. When hiring a consultant it is important to ensure they are qualified and certified. Numerous consultants can provide assistance depending on the development application type. Below is a list of professional organisations which may offer assistance when searching for consultants. This list is designed as a guide and is not intended to promote individual consultants.

Association of Australasian Acoustical Consultants (<http://www.aaac.org.au/nswDraftsmen/engineer>)

*Acoustic Consultants can provide acoustic reports to accompany a development application. An acoustic report may be required when a Development Application has the potential to create excessive noise and disrupt local acoustic amenity.*

Australian Institute of Architects (<http://www.findanarchitect.com.au/> )

*Architects can aid in the design process for a development application and can provide historical assessments.*

Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (<http://www.aila.org.au/> )

*Landscape Architects provide assistance in site planning, landscape design and project management.*

Consulting Surveyors NSW (<http://www.acsnsw.com.au/> )

*Surveyors may be required to provide information on the property. They collect, analyse and assess geographical data.*

Ecological Consultants Association (<http://www.ecansw.org.au/find-a-consultant/> )

*An environmental report may be required if a development application is thought to have a potential negative impact on flora and fauna in the area.*

Engineers Australia (<https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/> )

*Depending on the type of the application an Engineer may be required. The site above contains a comprehensive register of qualified engineers from numerous fields including structural, civil, electric and environmental.*

Fire Protection Association Australia (<http://www.fpaa.com.au/bpad/practitioners.aspx> )

*Depending on the type and locality of a Development Application a bush fire protection and planning design may be required.*

Planning Institute of Australia (<https://www.planning.org.au/consultantdirectory> )

*Town Planners can provide assistance with forms, reports and correspondence with council.*

Building Professionals Board (<http://bpb.nsw.gov.au/engage-certifier/find-certifier>)

*Building certifiers can assist in the preparation of development applications and construction certificate applications, assess and approve complying development certificates, construction certificates, occupation certificates and subdivision certificates.*