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Summary:

25 years in government roles. 15 years in private and third sector roles, operating internationally. (water, land-use planning, maritime, transport infrastructure, audit/evaluation, climate sensitive cities, inter-governmental relations)

With a blending of commercial, social and environmental evaluation experience, Donnell provides specialist skills for solving complex problems. As a catalyst for government and business development, she is a change agent with experience in introducing legislative reforms, strategic planning, public policy analysis, evaluation, operational review and audit, developing strategic alliances, leading infrastructure project management, regional land use planning, city-regional benchmarking, longitudinal studies, facilitating alternative dispute resolution and integrating community consultation strategies. Envirobusiness legacy: fund women’s education in sustainability.

Areas of Specialty

- Designing and retrofitting cities for climate change
- Urban and Regional Planning, South East Queensland & 26 international benchmarking regions.
- Review: State of the Commonwealth Cities Report (CHEC, ComHabitat, CAP,CPF) SUD-NET
- Sustainable development projects in Australia, Commonwealth, China, Netherlands, & Pacific.
- South Pacific includes training and mentoring microenterprise-finance for climate projects for women.

Achievements

- Interdisciplinary professional development on climate policy and practice for city-regions.
- Scenario planning for water industries, strategic planning for statutory and local authorities.
- Sustainability Reporting Systems for Corporates, Government Owned Corporations & NGOs.
- Registered Models and Tools, publications, for accelerated learning techniques.
- Designed, constructed, and monitored Sustainable “Selsey” Housing for Older Women (Brisbane).

Attributes

- ENTJ; Seek intellectual challenge, continuous improvement; appreciate diversity of opinion & culture
- Negotiate for a common cause & nurture potential of others

Boards/ Advisory Committees/ Reference Panel/ Review Board

- Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (based UK) Committees: Sustainable Development Governance, South Pacific Region, Cities for Climate Change, biomimicry in urban design, SDG11
- EAROPH: Eastern Regional Organisation for Planning and Human Settlements(HonSecAust & Int Relations)
- United Nations Habitat CSO rep and spokesperson (Governing Councils & world urban forums, Habitat3)
- Inaugural Board Director: Government Owned Corporation (5 yrs.) statement of corporate intent to reform
- President/Vice President /Treasurer/committee member/ XO: Urban Design Alliance(3yrs), Environment Institute ANZ(3yrs), Australasian Evaluation Society(6yrs),CPA Australia (12yrs Green Beans), Australian Green Development Forum (from 2012), National Foundation for Aust Women, Envirobusiness Fnd.
- Founder FOSEQ 14 years. (Queensland regional community group) Voting member: SEQ Regional Landscape and Open Space Advisory Committee 2001 – 2014. Observer: Regional Coordinating Council.
- Authored Inaugural Regional Sustainability Report Card for SEQ 2003 & reviewed subsequent reports.
- Brisbane City Council City Plan Reference Committee & neighbourhood planning (2002-2012), Brisbane 2010 visioning, Performance Management & remuneration anchors, Gold Coast Bold Futures Participant, Logan City Natural Environment Committee, Planning Ambassador SEQ, Review FNQ RP: Wide Bay 2020.
- Urban Design Rep (Q) for policy reforms 2008-2010 Australia, Design Aust, UNHabitat Professionals Forum.

Qualifications: Business, Auditing, Governance, Public Policy, Environment, Planning, Sustainability

- 2014 Climate Reality Leadership Corp (International Program)
- 2012 Australian Mediators Association
- 2010 Innovation Scholarship (Australia)
- 2008 Commenced UN Law Uni, Netherlands “*Sustainable City Regions: Creating Responsive Institutions*” (completing USQ 2014 **Doctorate of Professional Studies “Climate Sensitive Cities”**)
- 2005 ASIC F146 accredited: Friendly Societies/Charities/Not for Profit/Cooperatives/Ethical Investment
- 2003 **Program - Australian Institute of Company Directors**
- 2001- International Accreditation as Executive Coach
- 1999- Masters **Environmental Management (Sustainable Development)** (UQ)
- 1993 Core subjects from Masters of **Public Policy** (QIT) resulting in Post Graduate Award
- 1992 Certificate - Counselling (Behavioural Science) UQ
- 1990 **Certified Practising Accountant** Program Deakin University - Distance Ed
- 1988 Bachelor of Business (**Accounting and Finance**) DDIAE external study
- 1987 Bachelor of Business (**Management - HRM**) DDIAE external study
- 1981 Justice of the Peace (Queensland)

Languages:

Fluent in English – minimal oral & written French, Spanish, commenced basic Mandarin, Katakana Japanese.

