



People are the essence of our cities, communities and places. In planning for our future we look at the needs of people, their changing diversity, their health and wellbeing, their sense of belonging and the infrastructure and services they will need to lead active and fulfilling lives.

Our services include:

- » Planning healthy built environments
- » Social infrastructure and community facilities planning
- » Demographic analysis and social research
- » Social and health impact assessment
- » Community development and placemaking

Elton Consulting has extensive experience in planning for growing and changing communities. We focus on providing long-term positive outcomes and understand the diverse range of social elements that contribute to the creation of strong, vibrant and socially sustainable communities. A sense of community and feelings of belonging, safety and identity are all key features of desirable places to live, work and enjoy. These elements don't always just occur by chance – they require a strategic planning focus. Our respected team has worked with all levels of government, not-for-profit organisations and the private sector to deliver desirable places across Australia. Our core services are described below.



PLANNING HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENTS

How our built environment influences health and wellbeing has been a key interest of Elton Consulting's for several years. We have worked with a number of key partners in this field to develop plans, strategies and tools to encourage the creation of environments that promote better health through active living, social connection, improved housing, and the provision of services. Our work has ranged from developing the Healthy Urban Development Checklist to preparing strategies for how local government and Health can work together to achieve shared goals.



SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLANNING

Elton Consulting is a national leader in planning social infrastructure for both new and established areas. Social infrastructure planning typically involves undertaking demographic analysis, population forecasting associated with urban development and assessing social needs and issues resulting from population growth and demographic change. We create a strong evidence base and use our knowledge of leading practice in social infrastructure to develop practical solutions that balance asset management responsibilities with community benefit.

Our community facilities studies use a multidisciplinary approach to ensure that social dimensions, including the promotion of healthy lifestyles, safety, access to community facilities and services, sense of community and belonging are incorporated into the planning process for new and redeveloped facilities. We have a broad and holistic understanding of community facilities provision with our services including needs assessment, initial facilities planning, strategies to improve utilisation, leasing and licensing, facility models and post occupancy evaluation.



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DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

While research and analysis are components of many of our social planning projects, Elton Consulting also has specialist social research capabilities. The team has extensive experience working with a variety of qualitative and quantitative data collection methods. We work with our clients to develop project methodologies that focus on answering key research questions efficiently and effectively. Our social research projects involve a variety of methods including large scale representative surveys, key stakeholder or expert interviews and focus groups. We use a range of social media in our research projects and utilise a variety of traditional and web-based tools depending on individual project requirements.



SOCIAL AND HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Our team prepares social and health impact assessments for residential, commercial and infrastructure projects on behalf of government agencies and private sector proponents. We evaluate the impact of development projects on different groups and how they live and deliver strategies to minimise potentially adverse impacts and maximise project benefits.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLACE MAKING

Community development and place making programs focus on strategies to create strong and connected communities. Elton Consulting has considerable experience working with government agencies and developers to deliver community development programs that incorporate both large and small scale community events and processes to empower residents to organise activities and programs in their own communities and to build the links and networks that form a strong community.

RECENT PROJECTS

We have a deep knowledge of our clients’ sectors and operating environments, which helps us to achieve practical outcomes in complex situations

- » The Bays Precinct, UrbanGrowth NSW
- » Glenfield to Macarthur Corridor, Department of Planning and Environment, NSW
- » Stuart Highway, Northern Territory, Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment
- » Community and Cultural Facilities Strategy, Hornsby Shire Council, NSW
- » Community Facilities Study, Ku-ring-gai Council, NSW
- » Town Centre Community Hub, City of Salisbury, SA
- » Community Facilities Study, City of Maitland, NSW
- » Events in the Public Domain Study, City of Sydney
- » Social Research on Alternative Waste Management, Confidential client
- » Aged Care Assessment Program, NSW Health
- » Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Master Plan, Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust
- » Green Bridge, Roads and Maritime Services
- » Parramatta Light Rail, Parramatta City Council
- » Community Hub Social Impacts, Shellharbour City Council
- » Elara, Stockland
- » Kingston Foreshore, Land and Development Agency, ACT
- » Sanctuary, UrbanGrowth NSW

Elton Consulting provides trusted advice and practical solutions to all levels of government, the private sector and community organisations.

We work collaboratively with clients in infrastructure, property, transport, community services, housing and other sectors to deliver the best results.

Our team of over 80 staff understand it is important to tailor solutions to client needs.

We collaborate and think strategically to:

- » create great places and facilities for people
- » develop policies and strategies that work
- » communicate and engage meaningfully with clients, communities and stakeholders
- » improve communities, services, systems and organisations
- » design materials that bring projects to life.