

Panellist Profile

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Business Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultancy firm <input type="checkbox"/> Association/group of individual consultants		

Introduction Summary

Saunders Havill is a Queensland-based multidisciplinary development consultancy with deep experience supporting Community Housing Providers (CHPs) and Government in the delivery of social and affordable housing projects.

With over 17 years' experience working alongside a Tier 1 CHP and appointed to a number of technical advisory roles for the Queensland Government, our Town Planning team has a strong understanding of the operating realities CHPs face — including funding constraints, regulatory requirements, delivery timeframes and long-term asset performance.

We specialise in early, fit-for-purpose advice that enables CHPs to make informed decisions before committing significant capital. Our advice focuses on clearly identifying site constraints, development potential, planning risks and approval pathways to reduce uncertainty and avoid downstream delivery issues. Our advice is practical, independent and outcomes-focused, grounded in a strong working knowledge of State and local planning frameworks. We prioritise solutions that are deliverable, efficient and aligned with program objectives.

Our approach is practical, responsive and collaborative, with a strong focus on long-term partnerships and trusted advice - always with a focus on achieving viable housing outcomes and positive long-term social impact.

Sector Knowledge

Social and affordable housing experience

- Over 17 years' experience supporting a Tier 1 CHP across a broad portfolio of social and affordable housing projects.
- Provision of technical advisory services to the Queensland Government in relation to land and property acquisition -and redevelopment for social housing.
- Direct involvement across the full project lifecycle - site identification, feasibility, planning approvals and post-approval delivery.
- Practical understanding of how early planning and design decisions influence buildability, operating costs and long-term asset performance.

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Early-stage advice and feasibility

- Specialist capability in early site investigations to test development potential prior to acquisition or funding commitment.
- Preparation of targeted feasibility inputs and planning advice aligned with CHP risk and investment thresholds.
- Use of spatial analysis and GIS tools to support site identification, assessment and prioritisation for social housing programs.

Planning and approval risk management

- Strong working knowledge of Queensland planning frameworks, including State interests and local planning schemes relevant to social and affordable housing delivery.
- Proven ability to identify and clearly communicate planning risks, likely approval pathways, timeframes and mitigation strategies.
- Industry leader in the preparation of legally robust Ministerial Infrastructure Designations (MID).
- Track record in negotiating planning outcomes that balance statutory requirements with project viability.

Working with government and delivery partners

- Experience working with State Government agencies and aligning advice with program requirements and delivery expectations.
- Ability to operate effectively at the interface between CHPs, Government stakeholders and multidisciplinary consultant teams.
- Collaborative approach to consultant coordination, supporting efficient and integrated project delivery.

Understanding the CHP operating environment

- Practical understanding of CHP operating models across development, asset management and long-term operations.
- Awareness of key drivers including funding constraints, delivery risk and long-term asset performance.

Skills	Offered?	Summary of demonstrated qualifications, consultancy skills and consulting track record
Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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Business Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Property Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Saunders Havill provides end-to-end development advisory services, with particular strength in planning strategy, approvals and early-stage feasibility.</p> <p>With over 50 years' experience, Saunders Havill delivers integrated professional services across Town Planning, Urban Design, Survey, Mapping, Environmental Management and Landscape Architecture, supporting efficient and coordinated project delivery.</p> <p>Relevant capability includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Site investigation and feasibility ▪ Development approval strategy and pathway advice ▪ Stakeholder engagement with local and State Government ▪ Preparation and negotiation of highly technical development applications ▪ Specialist expertise in Ministerial Infrastructure Designations
Risk analysis Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Partnership development	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Growth readiness assessments	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Strategic asset management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Feasibility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Saunders Havill has extensive experience providing feasibility-stage planning advice to both CHPs and the Queensland Government, supporting informed site acquisition and investment decisions.</p>

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		<p>Relevant experience includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical advisory services for Statewide social housing land acquisition programs (since 2023); ▪ Town Planning Advisory Services to the Queensland Government for the Housing Investment Fund (HIF), including QuickStarts Qld Round 2, Town Planning Assessment Requests, Expression of Interest and Detailed Proposal phases; ▪ A long-term advisory role (17+ years) to a Tier 1 CHP, including site investigations, feasibility, approvals and delivery.
<p>NRSCH Registration</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>Other</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	