

Mariam Yaqub

Role: Development Manager, LandCorp

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Brief Biography: I'm a Civil Engineer and Development Manager with six years' experience in the development industry. After completing my degree at the University of Western Australia, I commenced my career as a Civil Engineer working on a broad variety of urban, regional and industrial development projects. Although this role has provided insight into the construction and design of land development projects, I wanted to increase my exposure to the property industry beyond the engineering realm. I am now a Development Manager at LandCorp and have responsibility for managing a number of complex infill projects such as Cockburn Central West and the Shenton Park Hospital Redevelopment in the planning, design, construction and sales phases.



Q: What challenges do you see the property industry facing in the next 5 years?

A: I think that affordability is becoming the biggest issue facing the industry. We are going to have to think of innovative ways and new typologies that will allow people entry into the market.

Q: Within the urban development industry what is the most significant project that you have worked on/been part of within your career to date?

A: I have been working in the Shenton Park Hospital Redevelopment (now called Montario Quarter) since the hospital's decommissioning in October 2014. I have been responsible for progressing approvals through a non-standard planning mechanism (Improvement Scheme) for the development of 1100 – 1500+ dwellings on the 15-hectare site. I have contributed to the development of the project vision, ensuring that the project aims are consistent with the extensive community and stakeholder feedback whilst leveraging the proximity to transport. In this time a Scheme, Structure Plan and Design Guidelines have been prepared to balance: environmental values; bushfire risk mitigation; heritage constraints; community concern over development heights; and the project's commercial return. I have managed the delivery of environmental investigations, approvals and procurement oversight to demolish the majority of the 45,000sqm of existing site buildings. I am also responsible for ensuring that the project achieves sustainability accreditation through an independent certification process with these principles of social, economic and environmental sustainability guiding the planning, design and implementation of the project to date.

Q: Within the urban development industry what influence does your role have on the future of our state (Building design, new estates, etc.)?

A: Projects such as Shenton Park Hospital Redevelopment and Cockburn Central West at completion the project will deliver a range housing options, amenity and retail whilst contributing a significant portion of infill dwellings. They will demonstrate the implementation of the State Government's Perth and Peel @3.5 policy, ensuring efficient utilisation of assets and infrastructure to provide more sustainable housing options.