



John Olson

Principal Engineer Road Transport Planning

Education

Bachelor of Engineering, Civil (First Class Honours)
University of Adelaide, 1978

Registered Quality System Auditor/Assessor, PE Batalas, 1994
Company Directors Course Diploma, AICD, 2002

Professional Affiliations

Fellow, Institution of Engineers Australia (Member Civil College
and Member Leadership & Management College)

Chartered Professional Engineer, Engineers Australia

Engineering Executive, Engineers Australia

Fellow, Australian Institute of Company Directors

Alumni Member, The Executive Connection (TEC) Australia

Key Skills / Qualifications

Principal Engineer, Road Transport Planning

Engineering Specialist, Community Wastewater Management

Responsibilities and Experience

John is the former Managing Director of HDS Australia Pty Ltd. Having relinquished that role in mid-2022, John now focuses on providing key specialist consulting services in road transport planning and community wastewater management. With 40 years of experience in road transport planning, road design, road construction and the investigation of road safety issues, along with over 25 years of experience in the provision of wastewater engineering solutions for regional and remote communities, John continues to deliver safe and sustainable engineering solutions for public and private sector clients throughout Australia.

John's key areas of expertise include:

- Corporate business management and strategic planning
- Road infrastructure planning and road asset management
- Strategic solutions for asset management, including Cloud Based GIS
- Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS – previously known as STEDS)
- Municipal engineering and project management
- Civil construction contract management
- Development of quality management systems

John also has extensive expertise in corporate governance and strategic planning for small to medium sized commercial and not-for-profit enterprises, having been a Director / Board Member of multiple organisations since 1989.

Employment Summary

2022 – Present	Principal Engineer, HDS Australia Pty Ltd
1988 – 2022	Founder and Managing Director, HDS Australia Pty Ltd
1985 – 1988	Senior Highways Engineer, MacDonald Wagner Pty Limited
1979 – 1985	Graduate Engineer, Experienced Engineer, Acting Senior Engineer, South Australian Highways Department (now Department for Infrastructure and Transport)



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