

Amanda Taylor-Short | Senior Consultant

Amanda has developed a broad understanding of public policy from her academic and professional career that she applies to the field of evaluation. She combines her skills in problem solving and strategic thinking with a passion for listening to people and their stories to synthesise data and address policy problems in unique ways. As a pragmatic big picture thinker, Amanda is driven to communicate impactful findings and recommendations that deliver achievable and sustainable change for people and environment.

I believe in the power of evaluation to uncover and communicate the complexity of change, weaving together stakeholder stories and experiences with data to drive better social and environmental outcomes.



Education:

Master Public Policy, Sydney University (2022)

Bachelor of Arts (Politics; Environmental Law & Management), Macquarie University (2017)

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Environment and disaster recovery health

Having conducted her Masters Dissertation on NSW waste management policy, Amanda is passionate about understanding how public policy can improve relationships between people and, natural and built environments.

- Effectiveness Research Project (Queensland Office of the Inspector General of Emergency Management, 2025-current)
- Indicator and Outcomes Bank (NSW Reconstruction Authority, 2025-current)
- Town Water Risk Reduction (Department of Climate Change, Energy and Water, 2025)
- Evaluation of the Climate Risk and Resilience Roadmap (Department of Climate Change, Energy and Water, 2024-2025)
- Overarching Bushfires Evaluation (NSW Reconstruction Authority, 2023-2024)

Health

Amanda is passionate about the role of regulation as social infrastructure supporting the health and

wellbeing of people and communities. Amanda specialised in Social Research as part of her Masters of Public Policy. She is skilled in mixed-methods evaluations having experience conducting and analysing interviews, surveys and rubrics. In her time at ARTD, Amanda has supported several health projects that have focused on improving people's experiences and access to health and government services.

- Project National Sepsis Project Expansion (Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, 2025)
- Drink and Drug Driving Reforms and Combined Offence (Transport for NSW, 2024-current)
- Healthy Canberra Grants Evaluation (ACT Health Directorate, 2023-2025)
- Mental Health Implementation (National Emergency Management Agency with the Department of Health and Aged Care, 2023-2024)
- Trans and Gender Diverse in Community Health Program (Your Community Health, 2024)
- Sector or experience heading

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