

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. Amanda works closely with clients, taking the time to understand their contexts to produce work that is relevant and meaningful for intended audiences. 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 interrogate change, weaving stakeholder stories with data to illuminate what matters and strengthen social and environmental outcomes.

Education:

- Master Public Policy, University of Sydney, 2022
 - Bachelor of Arts (Politics; Environmental Law & Management), Macquarie University, 2017
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Sector experience: Environment and disaster management

Having conducted her Masters Dissertation on NSW waste management policy, Amanda is passionate about understanding how public policy can improve relationships between people, natural and built environments. She manages and supports evaluations, frameworks, and strategies for complex interventions across sectors.

- Energy Industry Jobs Plan Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and Implementation Plan (Net Zero Economy Authority, 2025–2026)
 - Indicator and Outcomes Bank (NSW Reconstruction Authority, 2025)
 - Overarching Bushfires Evaluation (NSW Reconstruction Authority, 2023–2024)
 - Disaster Management Planning Research into effectiveness and assessment (Queensland Office of the Inspector General of Emergency Management, 2025–2026)
 - Evaluation of the Housing Assistance Measures and Small to Medium Business and Not for Profit Grants (NSW Reconstruction Authority, 2025–2026)
 - Research, Knowledge and Technology Grants Evaluation (NSW Reconstruction Authority, 2024–2026)
 - Adaptation Strategy Reflection Workshops (NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), 2024–2026)
 - Town Water Risk Reduction (DCCEEW, 2025)
 - Evaluation of the Climate Risk and Resilience Roadmap (DCCEEW, 2024–2025)
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Sector experience: Health and wellbeing

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 Master of Public Policy. She is experienced in mixed-methods evaluations, applying her skills in conducting and analysing interviews, surveys and

rubrics. In her time at ARTD, Amanda has supported several projects that have focused on improving people's experiences and access to health and government services.

- NSW Drink and Drug Driving Reforms and Combined Offences (Transport for NSW, Centre for Road Safety, 2024–2026)
- Model of Care and Business Case for Coordination of Care and Post-Sepsis Support (Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQH), 2025)
- Employ My Ability Evaluation (Department of Social Services, 2022–2025)
- Evaluation of Healthy Canberra Grants (ACT Health Directorate, 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)

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