

Ellen Wong | Consultant

Ellen joined ARTD in 2023 following previous experience in public policy research and academia. She has a background in human geography and environmental studies and brings this lens to her work in evaluation.

She combines her skills in qualitative research and stakeholder engagement with a passion for community-led solutions to complex problems. Having completed her Honours thesis on Indigenous food systems, Ellen is passionate about collaborating with Traditional Owners to centre Caring for Country approaches in environmental programs and policies. Curious and friendly, Ellen enjoys working closely with clients to enable communities, ecosystems, and people to thrive.



I love working at the intersection of people, communities and the environment. I believe in the power of evaluation as a tool for empowering communities and organisations to make informed, impactful decisions.

Education:

- Bachelor of Science (Ecology/Evolutionary Biology and Environmental Studies) (Honours I, University Medal), University of Sydney, 2021
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Sector experience: Environment and disaster recovery

Drawing on her unique human geography-based perspective, Ellen thinks critically about interactions between people and the environment and considers the best way to communicate complex scientific content to wider audiences.

- Evaluation of the Climate Risk and Resilience Roadmap (NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, (NSW DCCEEW) 2024)
 - NSW Climate Adaptation Strategy MERI Framework (NSW DCCEEW, 2024)
 - Evaluation of the Northern Australia Biosecurity Strategy (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, 2024)
 - Overarching Bushfires Evaluation (NSW Reconstruction Authority 2023–2024)
 - Cultural Watering Plan Project (Department of Primary Industries, 2023)
 - Evaluation of the Environmental Research Grants (NSW Environmental Trust, 2023)
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Sector experience: Community wellbeing and mental health

Ellen has supported several evaluations aimed at empowering communities and individuals who face barriers in accessing supports and services, including people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, LGBTQIA+, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, and people who are living with suicidal thoughts and behaviours and mental health issues.

- COVID-19 Community Connection and Wellbeing Program Evaluation (NSW Reconstruction Authority, 2023–2024)
 - Evaluation of the Towards Zero Suicides Initiative (NSW Ministry of Health, 2020–2024)
 - Sustaining Tenancies in Social Housing (Department of Communities and Justice, 2023)
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Project experience: Qualitative data collection and analysis

Ellen specialises in qualitative research and is experienced in interviewing and data analysis across a range of sectors. She is proficient in using NVivo to analyse rich sets of qualitative data to generate meaningful insights.

- 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)
- Process Evaluation for the Drink and Drug Driving Reforms and Combined Offence (Transport for NSW, 2024–2026)
- Evaluation of the NSW Curriculum Reform (NSW Department of Education, 2023–2024)

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