

Jacquelle Gorski

State	VIC
Organisation/Company	SPM Environmental Consultants
Position/Role	Managing Director
Membership Type	Associate Member
Nominator	Stephen Van Schaik
Nominator Organisation	Van Schaik's Bio Gro
Nominator Position	Managing Director

Do you have experience in any of the following areas?

X Financial Acumen

X Governance

X Risk Appetite & Management

Finance - Please provide details of your financial experience (max 100 words)

As Managing Director of SPM, an environment and planning consulting business, I oversee every part of the business: fees, project budgets, cashflow, staffing and how we manage and service out clients.

My business is a nine-person consultancy that is contingent on ensuring we service our clients through delivery and cost efficiency. SPM has worked with the composting industry for years on approvals that decide whether a site can grow. I want this industry to grow. My pragmatic approach, consideration of financial implications and a desire to grow the industry strategically in a constrained financial environment will benefit the AORA members.

Risk Management - Please provide details of your risk management experience (max 100 words)

My professional experience and qualifications are risk management in a nut shell that can benefit the composting and organics sector. My experience stems from almost 30 years working in ecotoxicology, environmental risk assessment, compliance and stakeholder consultation.

The risks that matter to our industry are well known and can be managed. I am exceptionally experienced with presenting information that articulates how perceived risks can be managed to ensure the actual risks are reduced. Organics recycling must grow. I can support the Board by presenting risks in a manner that categorically demonstrates where activities can protect people and the environment.

Governance - Please provide details of your governance experience (max 100 words)

As Chair of the AORA Victoria Committee and SPM MD, I am positioning these entities to succeed, ensuring clients and members are satisfied and expectations are upheld. From 2019 to 2024 I served as a Sessional Member of Planning Panels Victoria, a statutory role held on behalf of the Victorian government, that required independence and public accountability. My consulting firm, SPM is a strong advocate for the organics industry seeking government acceptance on planning and environmental matters. I want the composting industry to grow, and growth depends on AORA being a strong national voice.

What other skills and qualifications(refer to skills matrix) will you bring to the Board of AORA? (max 200 words)

I bring 25 years in environmental regulation, planning and approvals, and I currently Chair AORA Victoria Committee. I hold a PhD in Ecotoxicology from RMIT and a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Applied Science. I have been an EPA Victoria Compliance Officer, a Senior Environmental Consultant at GHD, and a Sessional Member of Planning Panels Victoria (2019–2024). I now lead SPM, a specialist town planning and environmental approvals practice.

Beyond finance, risk and governance, the skills matrix I offer is policy and regulation, stakeholder engagement, and communications. I have been involved with creating settings for the organics industry that decide whether a composting facility can be built, expanded or kept operating. The work sits with processors, Councils, EPA and communities, so I am used to translating a technical problem into a position people can act on.

As the new Chair of AORA Victoria Committee, I already carry member issues, site approvals, waste acceptance, odour, PFAS, digestate and compost markets. I would love to bring my knowledge to the broader industry, that we can use the combined intelligence and power of the industry to grow.

I want this industry to grow. Growth depends on permitted capacity and rules the sector is willing to expand. This is the contribution I would make on the Board, expand and test the constraints that limit our industry.

Describe your experience in working with member organisations and how you would help raise the profile of AORA (max 200 words)

I already work inside a member organisation. I Chair the AORA Victoria Committee. I have had the privilege of convening processors and associates, hearing about successes and blockages across our member, and turning these into something AORA can use. We are attempting to grow AORA Victoria, and I am keen to promote this Association. I have spent my career in meetings where the waste industry have been challenged by government, community and competitive industries. There is no challenge that I would like more than to grow the organics industry across Australia.

I would love to assist to raise AORA's profile as the organisation government's call on to support their circular economy, and feed intelligence on ways to improve waste management. AORA is the peak body that can grow organics recycling across Australia and I know I can help with this as a Board member. I hope you consider my application.

Why do you want to become an AORA Director? (max 200 words)

I already hold the position as the Chair AORA Victoria. I know I am supported by my Committee and we work well together. I want to take my Victorian position onto the National Board because the constraints on this industry are national, and are not isolated to States nor Territories. If AORA is going to be the voice of organics recycling, the issues across Australia need to converge in a manner that supports members collectively.

I want the composting industry to grow. Growth is permitted capacity, feedstock acceptable, understanding best practice and learning from others. I spend my week on the approvals and compliance settings that decide whether a facility can be built, expanded or kept operating. It is frustrating seeing each operator struggle their own battle where unity across the industry would propel growth in the industry.

I can give all the time that is required to the AORA Board. The Victorian role is already accounted for in my working week. I run a business and steward an association, and I will maintain confidentiality with all SPM's client work and industry intel. I am nominating to ensure AORA can grow and be more useful to the industry, and to help this industry grow.

What are three key points about you that you would like members to consider when electing Directors (max 100 words)

I already Chair AORA Victoria Committee. I convene processors and associates, hear what is blocking sites, and turn this into a position the Association can use and grow from. That work should sit on the national Board.

I run SPM, a specialist planning and environmental approvals practice, and I have 25 years in regulation, consulting, advisory and decision making on behalf of government. I know the settings that decide whether a composting facility can be built, expanded or keep operating.

I absolutely desire for the organics industry to grow for so many reasons; prosperity for our members, to reduce climate change impacts, and ensure our world is more sustainable. I will push AORA to be useful for members and be a public voice government's call before for guidance and support.



DR JACQUELLE GORSKI

Environment and Planning Approvals Specialist



Multidisciplinary Project Management

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Marine Ecotoxicology, Bachelor of Science (Honours) Applied Science, Executive Leadership (G.Dip)

Dr Jacqueline Gorski is a Principal Environmental Consultant and highly experienced Project Manager. Jacqueline has over 25 years' experience in environment and planning approvals, environmental impact assessments and coordinating multi-disciplinary technical specialists.

Jacquelle has been involved in developing, implementing and auditing environmental management systems and environment management frameworks, creating environmental and human health risk assessments, and completing an extensive number of environmental approvals.

Jacquelle is particularly experienced with all matters relating to EPA Victoria, including permissions (licenses, permits, registrations), addressing Notices and compliance matters. She has been involved in many environmental projects where it is necessary to demonstrate that air quality, noise, fire, land, groundwater and surface water impacts can be managed.

She has worked with various industries and all levels of government, is proficient in interpreting both federal and state environmental legislations and communicating these to a broad audience. Jacqueline has assisted Port of Hastings Corporation (POHC) in the early phase of VRET, assisting with the baseline assessments and determining of the lead EES consultant. She is also assisting the TasVic Greenlink (TVG) joint venture deliver the Marinus Link Pty Ltd between Tasmania and Victoria.

Relevant Experience

2018 – Present	Sustainable Project Management Pty Ltd (SPM) Managing Director
2019 – 2024	Planning Panels Victoria Crib Point Gas Import Jetty and Pipeline Project
2008 – 2018	GHD Pty Ltd Senior Environmental Consultant
2006 – 2008	EPA Victoria Compliance Officer

Project Experience

Environment and Planning Approvals

- City of Greater Geelong – Anakie Composting Facility and Point Henry Transfer Station
- Acquos Pty Ltd, Campbellfield – Polymer Production Facility
- Van Shaiks Bio Gro, Newbridge and Dandenong South – Organics recycling facility
- Delorean, Lilydale – Anaerobic Digester
- Fulton Hogan, Warrnambool, Lara and Brooklyn – Asphalt Batching
- Resource, Derrimut – E-waste Recycling
- J. Furphy's, Shepperton – Metal Galvanising
- Waste Services, Moolap – Resource Recovery Centre



EPA Compliance

- Confidential Client – Ordish Road Transfer Station
- Clariant, Lara – Chemical Manufacturing
- Close the Loop, Reservoir – Soft Plastics Recycling
- A-Gas, Cobblebank – Refrigerant Gas Recycling
- Immix, Truganina and Bandiana – Scrap Metal Recycling
- Pavilion Biogas, Anakie – Anaerobic Digester
- Rodney's Transport, Sunshine – Lead Ingot Recycling
- Goodmans, Truganina Craigieburn – Data Centre

Environmental Advisor

- Port of Hastings Authority – Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal
- Great Ocean Road Coasts and Parks Authority – Marine and Coastal Planning
- DT Infrastructure – Warrnambool Line Upgrade and South Geelong Rail Duplication
- TasVic Greenlink (TVG) – Marinus Link undersea and underground electricity and data interconnector between North West Tasmania and the Latrobe Valley in Victoria
- Yumbah Aquaculture - Kangaroo Island Plantation Timber port facility proposed at Smith Bay

Industry Associations

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| • Victorian Chair | Australian Organics Recovery Association (AORA) |
| • Corporate Member | Geelong Chamber of Commerce and Victorian Chamber of Commerce |
| • Associate Member | Victorian Waste Management Association (VWMA) |
| • Associate Member | Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ) |

Policy Development

- Second City Policy Framework – Committee for Geelong
- National Standard for Environmental Risk Management of Industrial Chemicals – Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy
- International Blue Carbon Stocktake – Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy