SMEC’s Kate Drews appointed to Consult Australia Board of Directors

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SMEC is pleased to announce that Kate Drews, National Manager Urban Renewal, has been elected as Director to the Board of Consult Australia.

Consult Australia is the peak body representing the business interests of consulting firms operating in the built and natural environment.

With over 25 years’ industry experience, including 20 years in consulting, Kate says she is thrilled by the appointment, which will give her an opportunity to share knowledge and lead the industry.

“I look forward to contributing to discussions about the challenges facing our industry, such as the rising cost of insurance, procurement methods, the way risk is apportioned under current contracts and the changing nature of professional services work.

I hope to facilitate opportunities including technological innovation, the sponsorship of women within our industry and leadership development.”

Kate commenced her career in the Australian Regular Army and rose to the rank of Major before transferring to the Army Reserve. After 12 years’ full-time service, she transferred into the field of management consulting, and has since held senior leadership roles at a number of firms in the fields of architecture and engineering.

Kate is passionate about technical excellence, client service and gender diversity within the consulting industry.

A graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Kate is also the Vice President of the Queensland Military History Society.