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**Qualifications**

PhD - Archaeology (La Trobe University, 2002)  
Bachelor of Arts - Archaeology (Honours) (La Trobe University)

**Expertise**

Libby specialises in Indigenous community consultation, native title, and intangible heritage values. She has particular expertise in complex, multi-disciplinary research projects, analysing and interpreting archaeological, anthropological and historical evidence within an overall cultural heritage management framework.

**Experience**

Libby is a qualified archaeologist. During her undergraduate degree she studied Australian Holocene and Pleistocene archaeology with an emphasis on archaeological theory and history. She has completed a PhD through La Trobe University's Department of Archaeology.

In 1999 Libby was granted an Australian Postgraduate Award to pursue her interest in the relationship between archaeology and native title. This research involved a detailed analysis of native title legislation and case law with a comparative focus on Canadian approaches to Aboriginal land rights. Libby spent time at the Arctic Institute of North America researching participatory methods for mapping Indigenous cultural knowledge within the land claims context.

Since joining Context in 2003, Libby has worked on a variety of consultation and heritage projects, including the Australian Heritage Commission's Inspirational Landscape project.

Libby sits on the Panel of Experts of the Native Title Unit, Department of Justice, Victoria and in 2002 commenced ethnohistoric research for the Unit. She is known in the archaeological community for her work in native title and has delivered numerous papers on the Yorta Yorta decision.

**Project examples****Lake Condah Restoration CMP**

Lake Condah Sustainable Development Project (Victoria) - 2008

**Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape Sustainable Tourism Plan**

Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation (Victoria) - 2007

**Indigenous Culture & Heritage Framework**

City of Melbourne (Victoria) - 2007

**Regional Fast Rail: Aboriginal and Historic Heritage Assessments & Advice**

Regional Rail Link (John Holland Group) (VIC) - 2007

**Optic Fibre Consultation Project Advice and Consultation Services**

VicTrack (Victoria) - 2004

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**Inspirational Landscapes**

Australian Heritage Commission (Victoria) 2003

**White Bay Power Station: Social Significance Assessment**

Design 5 (NSW) - 2002