

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

Chris Thompson



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QUALIFICATIONS

- Cert. Civil Engineering
- GAICD
- CompIE
- Graduate Certificate of Management (UTAS) 2013
- MAIAST, CAg

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Australian Institute of Agriculture
- Australian Water Association
- Institution of Engineers

Chris Thompson is a Partner, Principal Consultant and Director of Pinion Advisory. He was previously an Executive Director and the Managing Director of Agricultural Resource Management, since its inception in 2004, and Macquarie Franklin, since its inception in 2011 to 2016.

Chris provides mentoring to the Water Resources Team and consults to provide successful outcomes for agribusiness and Government sector water development, implementation and operations.

Areas of expertise

- Concept development and planning of sustainable and effective agricultural water resource and irrigation outcomes
- Large scale project setup and direction
- Assessment of existing irrigation and agricultural water supply systems and major projects, for update and optimisation
- Dam construction management

Professional experience

- Pinion Advisory – Partner/Principal Consultant Irrigation and Water Engineering, 2020-present
- Director, Tasmanian Irrigation Pty Ltd (State GBE) 2019-2021
- Macquarie Franklin - Principal Consultant Irrigation and Water Resources, 2016–2020
- Macquarie Franklin - Managing Director, 2011–2016
- Agricultural Resource Management - Managing Director, 2004-2011
- Serve-Ag Pty Ltd - Irrigation Consultant through to Technical Services Manager, 1991–2004
- UMT Hopkins - Water Resource and Irrigation Consultant, 1989–1990
- Rivers and Water Supply Commission (Tas) -through to Senior Irrigation Officer, 1975–1989

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Relevant projects

PROJECT	ROLE	CLIENT	YEAR/S DELIVERED
Tasmanian Irrigation Tranche 3 projects	Technical Director for Project Design partner	Tasmanian Irrigation (State Govt)	2021-current
Coalstoun Lakes Project	Technical support and oversight to water resource engineering	KBR	2021-2022
Hughenden Irrigation Project (HIPCo)	Technical support and oversight to water resource engineering	Jacobs/KBR	2021
Lockyer Valley Irrigation project	Technical support and oversight to water resource engineering	Jacobs	2020
Elwick Racecourse Thoroughbred Track Redevelopment	Project manager, \$11m thoroughbred racetrack redevelopment, project completed on time and on budget	Tasracing (Tasmanian State Govt)	2019-2020
Granite Belt Irrigation Scheme	Technical support and oversight to water resource engineering team	Jacobs	2017
Recycled Water Irrigation and Dams Upgrade, Parramatta Creek Factory Upgrade Project 2019/2020	Technical support to company consultants	Huon Aquaculture Company	2019-2020
Western Irrigation Network (WIN) project	Preparation of irrigation supply elements for business plan, development of concept farm plans with potential customers, general technical support to WW project manager	Western Water (Victoria)	2018-current
Melrose Dam Project	On site construction management for whole project under construct only contract	Tasmanian Irrigation Pty Ltd (State Govt)	2016-2017
Lower Huon Bathing Water System (LHBWS)	Design and implementation of system upgrades to enhance flow capabilities for LHBWS. This system supplies fresh water to around 70% of the state salmon production	Tassal/Huon Aquaculture joint venture	2014-2015

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Almas Almonds v Select Harvest court case, large scale almond irrigation, Robinvale, Victoria	Expert witness services on irrigation and drainage,	Almas	2104-2015
Midland Water Scheme (MWS), \$90m irrigation scheme, Tasmania's largest system	Development of the original concept into a practical way forward Development of a construction methodology and the associated budget Provision of farmer engagement processes in the concept phase to ensure practical outcomes During the construction phase – superintendent's rep/construction supervisor for key elements of the scheme, in particular the cut into the existing Hydro Tasmania Arthurs Lake dam, which holds 4100m of water	Tasmanian Irrigation	2011-2013
Tranche 1 of Tasmanian Irrigation Scheme developments (\$210m)	Provision of embedded consultancy services as senior consultant in concept development, agricultural requirements, operational requirements, dam and pipeline construction, contract supervision, staff support and mentoring	TIDB/ Tasmanian Irrigation Pty Ltd (State Govt)	2008-2014
Meander Dam Project (\$30m)	Technical engineering and agricultural oversight to winning consortium	Tasmanian Water Solutions (TWS)	2003-2005
Meander Dam Project (\$30m)	Interim superintendent then superintendent's representative, finished on time and on budget	Tasmanian State Government	2005-2007