

# CAPABILITY STATEMENT

## Faruq Isu



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#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Master of App Sc (Agricultural Science)
- B Sc (Env Sc)
- ChemCert Australia (AQF3)

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- RAID (Researchers in Agriculture for International Development)

Faruq is passionate about environment and agriculture, and has been involved with many different projects, both in Australia and overseas. He graduated from the University of Tasmania (UTAS) in 2019. His master's thesis '*Investigating incidence of high oestrogen levels in subterranean clover in pastures in North-eastern Tasmania*' was part of a national study being conducted by the University of Western Australia (UWA) and jointly supervised and funded by UTAS and UWA.

Faruq has extensive experience in agricultural trials in Tasmania and possesses excellent communication and extension skills. His interests in climate change, sustainability and international agricultural research shaped his areas of expertise, which he wants to build on.

Faruq is focused on providing excellent client service delivery with integrity and attention to detail.

#### Areas of expertise

- Agricultural research & development
- Sustainable development
- Climate change migration and adaptation
- Land capability assessment
- Communication & extension
- Social research and facilitation

#### Professional experience

- Pinion Advisory - Consultant - Agribusiness, 2021-present
- Southern Farming Systems (SFS) – Research and Extension Officer, 2020-2021
- TAP AgriCo - Dryer Manager, 2019-2020
- Coles Supermarkets, Team Member, 2014-2018
- Center for Sustainable Development (CSD), University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) – Assistant Operations Coordinator, 2011-2014

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## Relevant projects

PROJECT	ROLE	CLIENT	YEAR/S DELIVERED
Hyper Yielding Crops (HYC)	Coordinate with the SFS grower network to collect data and samples from nominated paddocks (across midlands, north and north-east Tasmania) and analyse data at different stages of the project. Send collated data at the end of harvest to FAR Australia for yield analysis, comparison (state level) and awards program.	GRDC/ FAR Australia	2020-2021
Dung Beetles Ecosystem Engineers Project	Conduct dung beetle surveys for SFS to send species and distribution data to national project teams. Tasks involved setting up 28 traps across 7 locations and collecting a 24 hour sample every month. Live reports through app were sent during trap set up and collection for each. The samples were stored until ready to be sent for analysis.	MLA/Dept. of Agriculture and Water Resources	2020-2021
'Pastures from Space' as part of smart farms project	Conducting 'calibration cuts' - collecting relevant data and samples from selected pasture paddocks. This data was then used to calibrate satellite estimates of pasture growth which passed over the paddocks every month.	Multi-agency (Govt. funded)	2020-2021
'Greening ULAB'	Co-design and implement university wide sustainability initiative - initially to reduce energy, water and paper consumption and raise awareness - based on baseline data collected through a 3-month study. An MoU was signed with a leading (local) paper manufacturing company for monthly collection of all clean paper waste, to be turned into recycled paper. Special recycle bins for paper (sorted into whites and color) were introduced to each departmental offices and were hand crafted from discarded materials by students. Suggestions were made to university board to incorporate rainwater harvesting and composting facilities in the permanent campus (which was under construction back then), along with the use of energy efficient lighting and plumbing.	University of Liberal Arts, Bangladesh (ULAB)	2013-2014