

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

Sarah Barrett



Lead Consultant Sustainability Strategy

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QUALIFICATIONS

- Masters (Env Mgt)
- Bachelor of Env Sc

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Australian Institute of Ecological Agriculture

COMMITTEES OR BOARDS

- Chair Barossa Bushgardens Section 41 committee
- Former chair Landcare Association of South Australia

As lead consultant for Sustainability Strategy, Sarah brings climate resilient thinking to the range of Pinion's business areas, including environmental services, on-farm production, agri-business and economic management. Sarah possesses a range of skills in technical environmental and agroecological assessment, as well as a solid understanding of grazing systems, broadacre cropping and viticultural systems.

Sarah has significant experience working with diverse groups in natural asset management and sustainability benchmarking. Carbon farming is an area of rapid growth, where Sarah works in emissions reduction, adaptation and change management for producers, processors and end users of agricultural products.

Sarah has experience in leading and managing multi-faceted projects for a variety of client groups including private business and industry bodies. Sarah believes strongly in supporting the future of Australian agriculture during this unique period of change with improved connection and practical application of carbon farming and education tools.

Areas of expertise

- Complex and multi facet project design and management
- Agroecology
- Natural capital accounting
- Biodiversity in productive agricultural systems
- Strategic planning
- Extension and facilitation in agricultural settings
- Carbon farming, climate adaptation and emissions reduction in agriculture

Professional experience

- Pinion Advisory – Lead Consultant – Sustainability Strategy, 2022-current
- Grounded Ideas – Consultant, 2017-2022
- The Barossa Council - Natural Resource Centre Coordinator, 2013-2017
- Lachlan Catchment Management Authority - Catchment Officer/Regional Facilitator, 2002-2010

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Relevant projects

PROJECT	ROLE	CLIENT	YEAR/S DELIVERED
GHG emissions baselining	Project lead. Conduct GHG baselining for 58 growers across three seasons. Presentation of results to growers and collation of results. Delivery of workshops and webinars to growers throughout the project.	Grain Producers of SA	2024-2025
On-farm emissions action planning pilot	Project lead. Coordinate and manage Pinion Advisory's delivery of 15 action plans under this program. Provide technical guidance and advice in the preparation of the action plans.	Agriculture Victoria	2013-2025
Carbon EDGE program design and workshop delivery	Lead and facilitate the workshop design with producers, technical experts and extension professionals across Australia. Accredited trainer for Carbon EDGE and deliverer of 'train the trainer' sessions.	Meat & Livestock Australia	2022-2025
Carbon services for individual clients	Collate and analyse emissions and sequestration data, prepare reports, scenario forecasting and support clients to identify and develop actions to improve business performance	Various farm business clients	2022-ongoing
Farming for the Future	Coordinator of pilot program to capture natural asset accounting data across two states. Informing ESG metrics and industry programs	Macdoch Foundation	2022-ongoing
Leading Harvest Sustainability Standard Cropping Pilot	Field testing of the Leading Harvest sustainability standard in Australian broadacre cropping systems. Recommendations made to the development of the standard in the Australian regulations and context.	Mutual Trust	2022
Farm planning	Agroecological farm planning design and project management	Various	2010-2021