

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

Stuart Smith



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QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Hons)
- Master of Business Administration

Stuart Smith is an agricultural consultant with 30 years of experience in sustainable agriculture, extension and communication. He has worked in a range of Australian environments, from the temperate zone in Southern Australia, to the Tropic zone in the Top End, and in Australia's arid centre, for both private industry and Territory and Federal Governments.

He has made significant policy contributions relating to the sustainable use of soil and water, and minimising greenhouse gas emissions, and taken his knowledge to horticultural and livestock farmers on the ground.

He has considerable experience in delivering training and advice to farming groups and communities to facilitate practice change, and currently works as a consultant with the Pinion Advisory team in Hobart.

Areas of expertise

- Agricultural extension and communication
- Business management
- Project management
- Strategic planning
- Agronomy
- Natural resource management

Professional experience

- Pinion Advisory – Senior Consultant – Sustainability Strategy, 2023-present
- Department of Employment and Workplace Relations – Pacific Labour Mobility Officer, 2020-2023
- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, Northern Territory - Regional Director Southern NT, 2016-2019
- Senior Research and Extension Officer – Sustainable Agriculture, 2008-2019
- Elders Darwin – Merchandise Manager, 2005-2008
- Tasmanian Land and Water Professionals Pty Ltd – General Manager, 1999-2005
- Agronico – Research Manager, 1993-1999

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Relevant projects

PROJECT	ROLE	CLIENT	YEAR/S DELIVERED
Central Australia Horticultural Development Project	Engaging and training growers in Central Australia, evaluating new crops, conducting conferences and study tours for local industry	NT Government	2016-2018
Table Grape Variety Evaluation	Planting and evaluating CSIRO-bred red and white table grape varieties in Central Australia	CSIRO, Horticulture Australia	2016-2019
Improved Nitrogen Management to Reduce Greenhouse Gases on NT Farms	Engaging farmers and conducting cover cropping trials on NT vegetable and melon farms. Measuring soil nitrogen and nitrous oxide emissions from soil through wet and dry cropping cycles	Federal Government - Carbon Farming Futures	2014-2016
Evaluation of biodegradable mulch for large scale melon farms	Procuring various mulch types from Australia and across the world, evaluating mulch suitability through the growing cycle	Various mulch providers	2010-2012
Top End Vegetable Industry Development	Development and translation of a vegetable production manual for Top End Vegetable Growers, "lunch time" best practice workshops on farm, farmer study tours for cool chain improvement	NT Government - Territory NRM	2010-2015
Review of agricultural impacts on Top End soils and water	Review the published literature on the environmental impact of farming practices on soil and water in the Northern Territory, and the development of crop water use modelling for tropical crops	NT Government	2008-2010