

Clear Horizon

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Beth Hanson, Senior Consultant



Overview of Expertise

Beth is a progressive and creative professional with experience in development of logic-based monitoring and evaluation frameworks; evaluation capacity building and reporting; project management; governance arrangements; and government and non-government stakeholder engagement.

She has a deep understanding of the machinery of government with over a decade of experience across various NSW government natural resource management agencies, and their interaction with central and other State and Federal agencies. This enables her to provide pragmatic measurement, evaluation and learning advice to clients through a strategic lens.

With her technical expertise in evaluation, environmental science, and hydrography, and experience across water, primary industries, environment and energy portfolios, Beth provides robust advice on complex evaluation and policy issues relevant to a range of stakeholders from the organizational to the program level.

Qualifications & Training

Ongoing	Masters of Evaluation, University of Melbourne
2015	Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, TAE Institute
2014	Bachelor of Environmental Science (Catchment Management), CSU
2011	Statement of Attainment in Hydrography, TAFE NSW
2010	Diploma of Conservation and Land Management, TAFE NSW
2009	Certificate III of Conservation and Land Management, TAFE NSW

Project Experience

Measurement, Evaluation and Learning frameworks and components



- Project Manager for the design of the NSW Climate Change Fund (CCF) Monitoring Evaluation Reporting and Improvement Framework and CCF MERI Plan (2022)
- Participatory development of program logics and measurement plans for the Grants Branch of the NSW Government's Department of Planning and Environment (2022)
- Design and delivery of a participatory program logic workshops for OzHarvest, NSW Department of Primary Industries and the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research (2022)
- Design of the NSW Climate Change Fund (CCF) Evaluation Framework and accompanying evaluation plan template (2021)

- Design of NSW Environment Energy and Science Evaluation Peer Review Criteria and co design of Evaluation Report Writing Guidelines for Consultants (2021)
- Designed process and led team to deliver Data Assurance Checks to enable delivery of outcome evaluations for CCF programs (2021)
- Development of evaluation plans for NSW Government Net Zero programs (2021)
- Leading NSW Department of Primary Industries evaluation capacity building workshops to develop program logics, scope evaluation plans, develop indicators, and facilitate reflection sessions (2020)
- Design of the MER Framework for the NSW Primary Industries Climate Change Research Strategy (PI CCRS) program and its seven projects to deliver on legislative requirements and corporate strategies (2018-2019)
- Mobilizing and building evaluative capability of the project teams responsible for the seven PI CCRS projects (2018-2019)



Evaluation Studies

- Project Manager for the evaluation of the NSW Bushfire Recovery Support Service (2022)
- Redevelopment of the Monitoring Evaluation and Reporting (MER) plan and delivery of the formative evaluation of the Grains Agronomy and Pathology Partnership – a \$130 million NSW Department of Primary Industries and Grains Research and Development Corporation bilateral agreement (2020)
- Project Manager for the NSW Government Drought Relief Measures Evaluation (2020)



Governance

- Development of the governance arrangements for the Net Zero Data Governance Working Group (2021)
- Development of the governance arrangements for the NSW Fresh Milk and Dairy Advocate including development and delivery of the Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the Dairy Industry Advisory Panel (DIAP) (2019)
- Designing the scope of work, procurement of an external probity consultant, and managing the associated contract consistent with NSW Government procurement requirements to oversee the DIAP EOI process (2019)
- Development and implementation of the internal governance framework for the NSW PI CCRS (2018-2019)



Strategic Policy

- NSW representative on the Agricultural Ministers Council project, “Supporting Agriculture Adapt to Climate Change” (2018-2019)
- Led the multiagency NSW submission on the Basin Plan amendments (2017)
- Assessment and coordination of comments to cabinet submissions and parliamentary inquiries (2016-2021)
- Preparation of Ministerial briefs and correspondence across water and agriculture portfolios (2012-2021)



Stakeholder Engagement

- Workshops and targeted consultations to inform a socio-ecological community needs analysis for Conservation Volunteers Australia (2022)
- Development of the communication and engagement plan to support the delivery of the Net Zero Data Governance Framework (2021)
- Design and delivery of cross agency workshop to build collaborative relationships, uncover leveraging opportunities, and ensure complementary project design (2018)
- Design and implementation of engagement plans to support the delivery of Water Sharing Plans including management of Interagency Regional Panels and public exhibition processes (2012-2016)



Project Management

- Led team through adoption of new enterprise project management system (SPACE) working in collaboration with delivery team to achieve significant capability uplift and professionalize team project management culture (2021)
- Designed a fit for purpose project management framework for the delivery of the NSW PI CCRS and its seven projects (2018)
- Design and delivery of reports, including financial reporting, to meet internal governance needs and CCF funding agreement requirements (2018-2019)
- Led multidisciplinary teams to develop, review and replace ground and surface water NSW Water Sharing Plans under the Water Management Act 2000 (2012-2016)

Positions held

2022	Senior Consultant, Sustainable Futures, Clear Horizon Consulting
2021	Principal Project Officer, NSW Environment Energy and Science
2020	Assistant Principal Program Evaluation Officer, DPI Agriculture
2020	Acting Leader Bilateral Evaluation, DPI Agriculture
2018 – 2020	Senior Policy Officer, DPI Agriculture
2016 – 2017	Senior Project Officer, DPIE Water
2012 – 2016	Water Planner, DPIE Water
2010 – 2012	Hydrographer, DPIE Water

Memberships

Australasian Evaluation Society