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Qualifications	1984, B. Ag. Ec. (Hons), University of New England, Armidale. 1989, M. Ec., University of New England, Armidale.
Areas of Expertise	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project/program design 2. Project appraisal, review and M&E 3. Social impact assessment (SIA)
Country Experience	Australia, Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, China, East Timor, Fiji, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Vietnam
Agency Experience	ACIAR ¹ , ADB, ASEAN Secretariat, AusAID, Ford Foundation, Kimberley and Northern Land Councils, Reconciliation Australia, World Bank
Languages	English Tok Pisin – basic
Employment History	<p>2007-current: SIA & Development Pty Ltd Director of a company focusing on social impact assessment of large-scale resource projects</p> <p>2001-current: Project Design & Management Pty Ltd Director of a company focusing on the design and implementation of aid activities in Asia & the Pacific</p> <p>1998-01: Mike Finlayson & Associates Pty Ltd Independent consultant</p> <p>1995-97: ANUTECH Pty Ltd Team Leader of an Australian development project in PNG</p> <p>1993-95: Mike Finlayson & Associates Pty Ltd Independent consultant</p> <p>1990-92: Hassall & Associates Pty Ltd Project economist based in Canberra</p> <p>1987-89: University of New England / PNG Institute of Medical Research Research Officer (Agricultural Economics) for an ACIAR-funded project in PNG</p> <p>1985-86: GRM International Pty Ltd Agricultural Economist based in the Philippines (12 months) and Brisbane (12 months)</p>
Aid-related consultancies:	
Sri Lanka Oct 2009 – Jan 2010	Team Leader engaged by AusAID to (i) conduct a feasibility assessment (including cost benefit analysis) of a community forestry program and assess the impact of the program in terms of its conservation value and reduction in poverty, and (ii) design a new program of assistance with Sri Lanka's Forest Department to extend the program for a further five years.
Solomon Islands May – Jun 2009	Institutional Specialist engaged for the design of a rural livelihoods program by AusAID. Responsible for completing an analysis of institutions that may be involved in the program and contributing to program design.
Indonesia Feb – Mar 2008	Design Specialist engaged by AusAID to prepare a preliminary design for the Kalimantan Forest & Climate Initiative: a program aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and demonstrate how reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) may be part of an equitable and effective international

	response to climate change.
Indonesia Oct – Nov 2007	Team Leader engaged by AusAID to help design a new Health System Strengthening and Maternal & Neonatal Health Program for Indonesia from 2008 to 2011.
Samoa Jun – Jul 2007	Team Leader engaged by AusAID to lead a team in the design of the Samoa Agroforestry Program, a 10 year program aiming to increase rural livelihoods, improve farm productivity and help protect areas with a high conservation value.
Indonesia Feb – Apr 2007	Design Specialist engaged by AusAID to help prepare a new HIV/AIDS Program for Indonesia from 2007 to 2015.
Iraq Oct – Dec 2006	Engaged by AusAID to undertake a desk review of the Rehabilitation Assistance Facility: Iraq (a facility through which technical assistance and capacity building activities have been provided since October 2003).
Mongolia Sep – Oct 2006	Engaged by AusAID to prepare a country directions paper for Mongolia, outlining the focus of Australia's aid program to Mongolia from 2007 to 2011, and how it will be delivered.
Lao PDR Aug – Dec 2006	Design Specialist engaged by AusAID to help finalise the design of the Lao-Australia NGO Cooperation Agreement Program for 2007-12.
Mongolia Mar/Apr 2006	Team Leader engaged by AusAID to review the Mongolia – Australia Targeted Capacity Building and Small Activity Facility. The work included a review of progress; assessment of whether Facility objectives remain relevant; recommendations for a two year extension period; and assessment of the need for alternative management/procurement arrangements.
China Dec 2005	Design Specialist engaged by AusAID to finalise the management and administrative arrangements for the health and environment components of the China Program.
PNG August 05	Technical Adviser engaged by AusAID to review the Bougainville Governance and Implementation Facility and provide recommendations for future Australian and New Zealand support to Bougainville.
Cambodia, Lao PDR, Burma, Vietnam & Thailand Jul/Aug 2005	Team Leader engaged by AusAID to assess the feasibility of a range of options for a regional program of assistance to reduce the spread of HIV among and from injecting drug users. The feasibility study included the option of continuing support for activities funded under the Asia Regional HIV/AIDS Project, and extending support to other countries.
East Timor Jun 2005	Team Leader engaged by AusAID to review the Australia – East Timor Fisheries Management Capacity Building Project and outline options for future support to the sector.
East Timor Mar/Jun 2005	Team Leader/Institutional Specialist engaged by AusAID to lead (i) a prefeasibility study to investigate options for continued Australian support for rural water supply and sanitation in East Timor, and (ii) subsequent feasibility study. Responsible for institutional assessment, economic analysis and report compilation.
Vietnam Jan – Feb 2005	Design Specialist engaged by AusAID to appraise and participate in a peer review of four projects submitted to AusAID under the Viet Nam – Australia NGO Cooperation Agreement.
Cambodia, Lao PDR, Burma & Thailand Nov 2004	Team Leader engaged by AusAID to lead a Mid Term Review of the Asia Regional Cooperation to Prevent People Trafficking Project. The review assessed progress to date, provided recommendations to enhance implementation, and provided options for longer term support in the sector.
East Timor Aug 2004	Design Specialist engaged by AusAID to help design an agricultural research and extension project in East Timor to be managed by ACIAR with co-financing from AusAID.
Vietnam, China	Team Leader/Design Specialist engaged by AusAID to lead a Mid Term Review

& Burma Jun 2004	of the Asia Regional HIV/AIDS Project to assess whether progress has been satisfactory, and provide recommendations to enhance implementation and outcomes over the remaining two year period.
East Timor Mar/Apr 2004	Evaluation Specialist engaged by the Illawarra Technology Corporation (University of Wollongong) to evaluate the Australia-East Timor Capacity Building Facility.
PNG Feb/Mar 2004	Team Leader/Design Specialist engaged by AusAID to review the PNG Community Development Scheme and provide recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness and achievements of the Scheme.
Thailand Aug 2003	Team Leader/Design Specialist engaged by AusAID to design a regional sanitary and phytosanitary capacity building program.
Philippines Jul 2003	Team Leader/Design Specialist engaged by AusAID to review the Philippines-Australia Short Term Training Facility and design a joint facility encompassing this Facility and the Australian Development Scholarships.
Philippines March 2003	Team Leader engaged by AusAID to review the Philippines-Australia Vulnerable Groups Facility.
Vietnam Jan/Feb 2003	Project Design Specialist engaged by AusAID to revise and update a draft Design Document for the Vietnam-Australia M&E Strengthening Project.
China Sep – Dec 2002	Team Leader/Design Specialist engaged by AusAID to design a new governance program in China.
Sri Lanka Jan – Feb 2002 Nov – Dec 2000	Team Leader/Economist engaged by AusAID to conduct an appraisal of the Sri Lanka-Australia Natural Resource Management Project, and subsequently, prepare an Addendum to the Project Design Document in line with the recommendations of the appraisal.
Burma Oct – Nov 2001	Team Leader engaged by AusAID to lead a feasibility/design study in Burma. Working with the National Nutrition Centre, prepared a project design document for a Nutritional Anaemia Initiative over a 2.5 year period to pilot test a small-scale intervention and develop recommendations for a program to reduce nutritional anaemia throughout the Country.
Fiji, Samoa & PNG Jul – Aug 2000	Team Leader engaged through GRM International by AusAID for a review of the Taro Genetic Resources: Conservation and Utilisation Project. Responsible for leading the review, reviewing the project's social and economic impact, and consolidating reports.
Indonesia Mar/ Apr 2000	Team Leader engaged by AusAID for a feasibility/design study of the proposed Regional Economic Policy Support Facility, a component of the ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Program.

Selected consultancies (social impact assessment):

Australia Current	SIA Specialist contracted to undertake a Social Impact Assessment for the development of a large-scale coal mine that includes mining and processing facilities in Central Queensland and a rail link to expanded port facilities near Bowen.
PNG Sep 2009	Social Specialist participated in an audit of New Britain Palm Oil Limited's operations in West New Britain, in accordance with criteria for PNG developed under the auspices of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO).
PNG Jun/Jul 2009	SIA Specialist leading a Social Impact Assessment of an expansion of oil palm by Hargy Oil Palms Limited, in the Bialla area of West New Britain. Responsible for the assessment of social impacts and compilation of the overall report, which was submitted to the Department of Environment & Conservation.
PNG Apr – Jun 2009	SIA Specialist/Team Leader engaged by InterOil Corporation to finalise an SIA for the proposed PDL surrounding the Elk/Antelope petroleum resource. The SIA

	incorporates an earlier study in the project area and incorporates updated financial projections and an option for the preliminary export of condensate prior to construction of LNG facilities.
China Feb/Mar 2009	SIA Specialist engaged by the Ford Foundation to provide training to staff from the Research Centre for Mongolian Studies, within the University of Inner Mongolia, on (i) sustainable development initiatives in the mining industry and (ii) social impact assessment methodologies, and provide advice in the preparation of a project to assess the impact of coal and other mining activities on herding communities in Inner Mongolia.
PNG Jul 2008 – Aug 2009	SIA Specialist engaged by Ok Tedi Mining Limited (OTML) to present socio-economic data for mine-impacted communities; prepare a social and economic report (as an attachment to the 2009 mine closure plan); and provide advice on OTML's social and economic monitoring programs.
Australia Feb – Dec 2008	SIA Specialist engaged by GHD to provide advice and participate in a Social & Economic Impact Assessment for a proposed bauxite mine near Aurukun, Cape York. The TOR for the Environmental Impact Assessment, and the Indigenous Land Use Agreement governing the feasibility study, state clearly the desire to use the SEIA to help maximise the long term economic, cultural and social benefits for the Aurukun people and Wik and Wik Way people.
PNG Feb 2007	SIA Specialist engaged by SRK Consulting as part of a multi-disciplinary team to conduct an analysis of the Lihir Gold Mine for ABN AMRO. Responsible for assessing social impacts, completing an assessment of social/community risks, and providing recommendations for improvement. The assessment was conducted in accordance with the Equator Principles and Global Reporting Initiative.
PNG Jan 2007 – Jun 2009	SIA Specialist providing advice to Oil Search Ltd on data collection and management to ensure adequate information for Oil Search to (i) plan and monitor their financial obligations and community development programs, and (ii) meet their corporate social responsibility requirements (and those of international financial institutions, reflecting the requirements of the Global Reporting Initiative and Equator Principles).
PNG Oct 2006 – Feb 2007	SIA Specialist providing advice to OTML on the design and conduct of surveys of mine impact villages and establishment of a comprehensive database which can be used to help plan and prioritise social and economic programs, and to monitor and evaluate social and economic impacts.
Australia Feb – Jul 2006	Development Specialist engaged to lead a study for Reconciliation Australia and Newmont Mining to investigate options for increasing economic opportunities for indigenous communities in remote areas of Australia. Discussions were held with Newmont, government, research organisations, local businesses and community leaders, and recommendations made to enhance Aboriginal business opportunities at Newmont mining operations near Wiluna (WA) and Charters Tower (Qld).