



AK Consultants, formerly Armstrong Agricultural Services has been helping rural Tasmania since 1987. We are a small team of dedicated people committed to providing the highest standard in agricultural and land & water management services in Tasmania.

Whilst initially our emphasis was on farm business management and rural land-use management there is now a greater environmental component to our services with specific emphasis on environmental planning.

AK Consultants is a family friendly business and encourages flexible working arrangements. We currently have six employees with each bringing unique skills to the business. While each one of the employees provides expertise in particular fields there is also a high degree of team work and we often team up with other consultants to provide the skill mix required to deliver larger projects.

AK Consultants employees operate within a policy framework as specified in the Code of Ethics for the Ag Institute of Australia and the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (see AIAST & EIANZ Code of Ethics).

### **Our Business**

- Farming Businesses – help farmers to grow and operate environmentally sustainable and financially rewarding farming businesses.
- Rural landholders – help them to meet government regulatory requirements in relation to development proposals.
- Government agencies and corporations – help them in their interactions with farmers and rural landholders.

We provide assessment and planning services and advice.

### **Our Expertise includes:**

- Dam assessments and water licence application
- Natural Values Assessments
- Farm business management
- Farm Business benchmarking
- Water development and irrigation planning
- Irrigation feasibility studies
- Farm Water Access Plans
- Sustainable Farm Plans
- Expert witness experience – related to agriculture and rural landuse
- Facilitation and negotiation
- Greenhouse Gas audits for farm businesses
- Insurance claims
- Salinity risk assessment and management
- Soil assessment, mapping and management
- Acid sulfate soils assessment and management
- Agricultural reports, for developments in Rural Zones
- Bushfire Risk Assessments & Hazard Management Plans
- Development Applications additional assessment requirements
- Freshwater Crayfish and Burrowing Crayfish assessments and fauna surveys
- Agricultural Land Studies
- Land Capability assessment and mapping
- Land use planning
- Effluent and biosolids management and monitoring
- Environmental Management Plans
- Farm mapping
- GIS – Geographical Information Services
- Rivercare and Catchment Management Planning
- Property management planning



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**Michael Tempest, B Env.**  
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Alanna joined the AKC team in 2016 and provides administrative support and field assistance.

