



AK Consultants, formerly Armstrong Agricultural Services, has been helping rural Tasmanian's 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 currently has six employees, with each employee bringing a unique set of skills to the business. While each employee provides expertise in particular fields, we also often team up with other consulting agencies 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 Ag Institute Aust & EIANZ Code of Ethics).

## Our Business

- Farming Businesses – help farmers to grow and operate environmentally sustainable and financially rewarding farming businesses.
- Rural landholders – help landholders to meet Local Government regulatory requirements in relation to development proposals, and State requirements in relation to dams and water licencing.
- Government agencies and corporations – help organisations in their interactions with farmers and rural landholders.

We provide assessment and planning services and advice in relation to land use planning, water resources, environment/natural values, bushfire hazard management, and more.

## Our Expertise includes:

- Dam assessments and water licence applications
- Natural Values Assessments
- Farm business management
- Water development and irrigation planning
- Irrigation feasibility studies
- Expert witness experience – related to agriculture and rural land use
- 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
- Negotiating offsets
- Agricultural reports for development in Rural Zones
- Due diligence
- Bushfire Risk Assessments & Hazard Management Plans
- Development Application additional assessment requirements
- Freshwater and burrowing crayfish assessments and 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



Land - Water - People

Our knowledge  
Your vision

**Astrid Ketelaar,**  
**B. Land Man, MAIA**  
**Business Owner & Natural**  
**Resource Management**  
**Consultant**  
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Astrid has been a natural resource management specialist since 1999 and has a background as a Technical Forester with over 25 years' experience in Land Management.



**Michael Tempest, B Env**  
**Natural Resource**  
**Management Consultant**  
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Michael is currently involved with projects relating to land use planning and environmental assessment and monitoring, including effluent reuse. Michael is a Provisional Bushfire Hazard Practitioner.



**Sally Scrivens, BSc (Hons)**  
**Natural Resource**  
**Management Consultant**  
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Sally started with AK Consultants in 2018 and provides services in natural values, water resources, and land use planning.



**Samantha Gadsby, BSc,**  
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**Natural Resource**  
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Samantha has been with AKC since 2013 and provides services in water resources, land use planning, and environmental assessment.



**David Armstrong, BAgSc**  
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David has over 30 years' experience as an agricultural consultant, specialising in farm business management.



**Alanna Horswell**  
**Admin Officer**  
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Alanna joined the AKC team in 2016 and provides administrative support and field assistance.

