



STEVE CORK

Associate Consultant

Professional experience

Steve had 25-years experience in CSIRO as a practicing scientist, leader of research teams, and advisor on strategic issues to the chief executive. He interacted regularly with state and Australian Government policy-makers throughout his research career, as both an advisor and secondee within departments, and spent five-years as a full-time policy officer within several Australian Government agencies.

He managed the Future Landscapes program in Land and Water Australia and led the scenario writing team that developed scenarios for the future of the world in the United Nations' Millennium Ecosystem Assessment.

Since 2006 he has been a self-employed consultant helping clients (including Australian and state government departments, businesses and community groups) conduct strategic analyses and scenario planning for their possible futures.

Consulting expertise

As an *Interaction* associate, Steve designs and delivers workshops on strategic thinking for various Australian Government departments.

Steve continues to conduct and publish research on issues relating to Australia's future through his position at the ANU and as a consultant. For example, he recently chaired a committee helping the Australian Academy of Science develop and test an approach to developing 'living scenarios' for Australia's possible futures, which entailed engaging around 70 prominent Australians to take part in a strategic conversation around four archetype futures. The ultimate aim of that project is to encourage a national conversation about Australia's future.

He convenes an advanced course in environmental policy and communication at the ANU's School of Public Policy and co-convenes another aimed at developing new insights about Australia's future, based on student research projects.

Steve has reviewed strategic thinking literature and developed guidelines for strategic thinking for the South Australian Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources and designed and run training on applying these guidelines.

Professional qualifications

- Bachelor of Science, PhD, University of New South Wales
- Comprehensive training in financial, project and people management and leadership as a research leader in CSIRO over 25 years
- Formal training in facilitation
- Adjunct Professorship at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University