

Clear Horizon

CURRICULUM VITAE

Josh Breen, Senior Consultant



Overview of Expertise

Josh is a skilled research and development professional with experience in natural resource management, agriculture, international development, social impact, and education industries. Josh has managed and contributed to projects spanning formative and summative evaluations, capacity building, knowledge brokering, and social policy research for government, not-for-profit and private sectors.

Qualifications & Training

2022 Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, Clear Horizon Academy

2020 Master of Environmental Management and Development, Australian National University

2018 Bachelor of Economics (Development), University of New England

Project Experience

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Plans and Support



- Project manager for the development of an evaluation plan for the NSW Department of Primary Industries Storm and Flood Industry Recovery Program in the Dairy sector (current)
- Project support for the development of MEL frameworks for CSIRO's Agriculture and Food Impact Initiative team (current)
- Project support for the development of an evaluation plan for NSW Department of Planning & Environment's Closing the Gap Coordination & Delivery team (current)
- Project support for the development of a Measurement, Strategy and Learning Framework for Environmental Justice Australia (2023)
- Project support for MEL development and implementation for the Home Energy Support Program within the Climate Change and Energy Division of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) of the ACT Government (2023)
- Project support for the co-development of MEL plans for ACIAR Fisheries projects (2023)
- Western Sydney RID Squad measurement plan development (2022-23)
- Project support for development of the Evaluation Plan for NSW DPE Our Place on Country Strategy (2022)
- Project support for problem definition, program logic development, and MEL plan for the Infrastructure NSW Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Strategy's Community Resilience Program (2022)
- Project support for CSIRO Hydrogen Mission MEL support (2022)



Evaluations

- Project manager for implementation support of the MERI Framework for Phase 2 (2021-27) of the National Environmental Science Program's (NESP) Climate Systems Hub (current)
- Project manager for the Program Evaluation of the NSW Local Land Services Foot and Mouth Prevention and Preparedness Program (current)
- Supporting evaluator on the Roads to Home program evaluation for the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (current)
- Supporting evaluator for the Program Evaluation of the Aboriginal Economic Land Reform Program within the NSW Department of Planning & Environment (2023)
- Supporting evaluator for the evaluation of the Disaster Risk Reduction Grant Program for the NSW Reconstruction Authority (current)
- Project manager for NSW DPE Home Energy Action Program Outcome Evaluation (2022-2023)
- Project support for the evaluation of ACIAR research programs: *Fruit and Vegetable Sector Development in Northwest Vietnam for the benefit of women and ethnic minorities* and *Village-Based Transboundary Disease Management in Cattle Lao PDR and Cambodia* (2022)
- Project support for Most Significant Change evaluation of Traditional Owner governance in the Great Barrier Reef Foundation (2022)
- Project support for review of the Water Quality component at Great Barrier Reef Foundation (2022)



Program Logic and Theory of Change development

- Project support for the co-development of a Systems Theory of Change and Program Logic for the Aboriginal Ranger Strategy in NSW Department of Planning & Environment (2023)
- Project support for the co-development of a program logic for the Improving Marine Environmental Governance in South East Asia ACIAR Fisheries project (2023)
- Project support for co-development of problem tree and program logic for the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Disaster Action Plan (2023)
- Project support for Strategy Logic development for NSW DPE Hydrogen Strategy (2022)
- Project support for the development of program logics for multiple ACIAR Fisheries project teams (2022)



Research, Strategy, and Engagement

- Delivery of Theory of Change training for HDR students in JCU's College of Science and Engineering (2023)
- Supported the Forestry Research Program Manager, contributing to development of proposals, management of new projects, organization, and management of mid-term and end of project reviews, and higher-level contribution to portfolio strategy and approach (ACIAR, 2022)
- Supported the Portfolio, Planning & Impact Evaluation Research Manager and the Economics & Policy Research Manager clarifying ACIARs overall strategic coherence, sequencing and processes, improving internal documentation and templates, and engagement with partners and stakeholders (ACIAR, 2021)
- Supported the improved integration of theory of change, capacity building, and knowledge brokering within research projects (ACIAR, 2021)

Positions held

- 2022 - current Consultant, Clear Horizon Consulting, Melbourne, Australia
- 2021-2022 Research Officer, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
- 2021-2022 Academic Tutor, Centre for Social Impact, UNSW
- 2021 Committee member, Researchers in Agriculture for International Development (RAID) Network
- 2015-2018 Migration Assistant, Visa Assist Australia

Memberships

Australian Evaluation Society

Academic Publications

Breen, J 2019 'Creating an Ecologically Cognizant and Socially Beneficial Monetary Regime: Why money needs to be transformed and key strategies for its transition.' The Solutions Journal, vol.10.