

Brief Bio for OIA Director application



Jacqueline (Jacky) Williams
BAppSc MAppSc PhD

I wish to nominate for a Director position on OIA. I have many years of diverse experience in sustainable agriculture in Australia ranging from being an organic horticulture farmer to providing extension services to rural Australia through Landcare and regional natural resource management followed by 17 years within academia until November 2020 when I decided to leave and focus on my organic farm in Dorrigo and more applied approaches of working directly with landholders and farmer groups. My experience includes having worked at local, regional, state and national levels in a variety of capacities including community NGOs, Local/State Government and research organizations. In particular I am passionate about organic agriculture and how we can deliver the Sustainable Development Goals and other environmental outcomes through sustainable agriculture practices. I feel I have a good set of skills to offer OIA in this exciting evolving space of the organic industry in Australia including extensive applied and academic experience particularly in the natural resource policy and governance space. From my perspective OIA is a crucial institution in transforming the organic industry governance in Australia and I would like to offer my services to contribute to this important transformation. My most recent Conversation article ["Australia urgently needs real sustainability policy"](#) gives an example of my demonstrated interest and commitment to sustainable agriculture in Australia.