EVIDENCE BASED EVALUATION

Alluvium has a long-established history of working with government, non-government organisations, communities and landholders to evaluate the performance of natural resources and environmental investment programs. Working nationally and internationally we provide leadership in evidence-based evaluation.

We work across all key asset classes in the natural resource management context including social, natural, physical and financial assets. We work with our clients to assess the impact, appropriateness, effectiveness, efficiency and legacy of policies and programs and deliver a process to promote accountability.

Our work extends to the development of monitoring and evaluation frameworks where we have delivered some of the most complex and important projects associated with national water reform. Our work takes us from developing site specific evaluation frameworks for the resources sector to national frameworks such as the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

Why Alluvium

Strength in natural resource management and river health
Where many evaluation businesses deliver services across a broad range of disciplines, we are focused on the natural resource management and environmental sectors. We understand in detail the organisational challenges of program and project delivery in these sectors and use that to provide practical recommendations.

Industry leadership
We played a pioneering role in the use of interim outcomes to help funding bodies to understand success within the timescale of investment into NRM (including water quality outcomes). This involved plotting the trajectory of outputs to outcomes and developing tangible interim outcomes that communicate if the program is on track to meet its long term goals.

Evaluation techniques blended with on ground experience
More often than not the issues associated with; problems and complexity of data, the long transition time of outputs to outcomes, the interrelatedness of programs, external influences such as the economy all have a bearing on the ability to use objective data to measure the success of any program. Our staff have a substantial level of experience to blend the objective data with a subjective data capture process to tell a story and provide meaningful answers and direction for our clients.

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Evaluation frameworks

We are very experienced in the development of frameworks which allow for a systematic and objective review of the appropriateness, efficiency and/or effectiveness of a program. We focus on products that allow adaptive management.

Program Logics

We assist clients to understand the rationale behind a program. We use participatory process to understand and describe the cause and effect relationships between program activities, outputs, intermediate outcomes and longer-term desired outcomes. We use program logic to show a series of expected consequences, not just a sequence of events.

Engagement design

The effective design and delivery of tailored engagement strategies to build understanding, create local ownership and to inform sustainable decision making is important to us. We use a lens of diversity, inclusion and accessibility to maximise social benefit on all our projects.

Project evaluation

Our work in evaluation encompasses the assessment of the appropriateness, of policy, program or project through applying applied research techniques (both objective and subjective) to generate systematic information that can help improve performance. Our work always focuses on strengthening an internal culture of reflection on organisational performance, as well a strong ownership of the results.

Effective data synthesis & presentation

Our core business revolves around effective management and presentation of data. We have delivered evaluation for the Commonwealth and every Australian State to communicate progress and achievement, and through this have collated, manipulated, synthesised, and presented data from a vast number of government funded NRM programs. We have processed thousands of data sets into forms which funding bodies and the community can understand.

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