

Understanding Practice Change by Farmers

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David Pannell Biography

David Pannell is Professor in the School of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Western Australia, and an Australian Research Council Federation Fellow. His research includes the economics of land and water conservation; environmental policy; farmer adoption of land conservation practices; risk management; policy evaluation; and economics of farming systems. He has been a prominent commentator on environmental policy, arguing for policies that better reflect scientific, economic and social realities.

In 2004, he became the first social scientist to win the W.E. Wood prize for salinity R&D, a national award across all research disciplines. His research is characterised by a high degree of collaboration with other national and international researchers. He also collaborates closely with other research disciplines, including, in recent projects, with bio-physical modellers, plant scientists, hydrologists, environmental scientists, and sociologists. He was President of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society in 2000, a member of the WA Government's Salinity Taskforce in 2001, and a director on the Board of Land and Water Australia 2002-05.

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