

Understanding Practice Change by Farmers

- a national symposium

Geoff Kaine Biography

Geoff Kaine is a Senior Policy Researcher in Practice Change Platform and is based at Tatura, Victoria. He has degrees in economics from the University of New England and has been employed as a contract researcher on rural and farming issues for the past twenty years. His major areas of interest are natural resource management and property right systems, and the adoption of innovations in agriculture. He has undertaken studies on the uptake of a range of technologies in irrigation, animal health, animal breeding, pest and disease management and soil management across a range of agricultural industries in Australia and New Zealand. He has served as an advisor to the QLD, NSW and NZ governments on the design and implementation of a range of MBIs to manage water allocations, water quality and air quality.

Geoff has also been involved in a variety of other projects including analysing extension networks, quantifying the factors influencing hearing loss on farms, succession and inheritance in farm families, stress in farm families and the role of market signals in promoting sustainable farming practices.

Geoff is currently involved in studies on adoption of soil and petiole testing in viticulture, compliance behaviour in dairy effluent management, policy instrument design for managing nutrient emissions from agriculture in Gippsland, and developing methods for designing policy instrument to manage the impacts of climate change.