

DOUG MIELL 2012

Doug Miell has enjoyed a long involvement in Australia's agricultural sector in areas such as:

- national industry policy development;
- grain industry policy and market development;
- rural telecommunications reform and technology program management;
- agricultural sustainability; and
- water reform management.

Prior to arriving in Atlanta Georgia in 2007, Mr Miell was Chief Executive, NSW Irrigators' Council, representing the interests of approximately 12,000 agricultural water users in New South Wales, Australia.

During his tenure as Chief Executive, Mr Miell was a senior representative of Australia's \$10 billion irrigated agricultural sector. Mr Miell was a leading national industry negotiator with Federal and State governments on national water reform policy development, industry development strategies and water efficiency program design and implementation. These policies and programs were world-leading in their scope and design and were developed against a backdrop of critical water shortages, drought of record and emerging global debate on climate change.

Mr Miell led the development of many of the Australian irrigation sector's responses to economic, social and environmental reform issues (triple bottom line outcomes) through industry and stakeholder consultation on the competing interests of productive water use and community and governments environmental aspirations.

In assessing the progress in national water reform, Mr Miell critically reviewed industry's commitment to and involvement in the many and varied reform and development programs.

As a leading industry advocate, Mr Miell regularly represented industry in the media and at state, national and international water forums.

For a number of years, Mr Miell was a Chief of Staff to a Federal Minister in the Australian Parliament with policy oversight of small business, childcare, aged care and disability policies and programs.

Today, Mr Miell provides innovative and sustainable water management and sustainable production solutions for agricultural and industrial organizations. This entails not only a focus on innovative water management opportunities but, importantly, highlighting and exploring the relationships between energy efficiency, resource sustainability and government policies and programs.

Mr Miell also focuses on:

- providing strategic water resource management advice to the Georgia Chamber of Commerce as the Chamber engages in the development of state-wide environmental policy options, the implementation of Georgia's State-wide Water Management Plan and Water Conservation Implementation Plan, consideration of the outcomes of the Governor's Water Task Force and implementation of the Water Stewardship Act and analysis and implementation of regional water plans;
- resource sustainability and the development of sustainable agriculture strategies; and
- carbon accounting and climate change strategies.