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# Social Policy

planning and evaluation

## Job Network Evaluation

DEWRSB

This large scale qualitative study examined the immediate impact of the implementation of the Job Network.

Environmetrics conducted focus groups and in-depth interviews in 13 locations in metropolitan, regional and remote areas. Stakeholder interviews were conducted, including with Centrelink staff, employers, service providers, job seekers and program officers. Findings assisted DEWRSB in a long term evaluation of Job Network.

## Social Impact Modelling of NE Forest Regions

Dept Primary Industries & Energy

Environmetrics was commissioned by the Federal and NSW Governments to develop a computer-based process for modelling the social impact of proposed changes in the hardwood forest industry of NSW. They study produced an easily understood graphic output for using during industry negotiations. With data collected in surveys, workshops and the Australian population census as input, we developed a model using the software package 'Ithink'. The model showed the impact of industry changes on communities over time and was used to compare a range of scenarios.

## National Harvest Trail

DEWRSB

Environmetrics conducted a survey of unemployed job seekers about their attitudes towards undertaking seasonal harvest work.

The research was carried out in regional and metropolitan centres to identify the preparedness of job seekers to undertake such work. Findings assisted the National Harvest Trail working group in developing and implementing a strategy to promote seasonal work along a national harvest trail.

## Junee Social Impact Study

Dept Corrective Services

Environmetrics was commissioned to carry out a five-year study of social impact of the Junee correctional facility on the local community.

The research involved interviews with community leaders, a telephone survey of residents and focus groups. The findings provided information on the social impact of the institution after five years.

## Phosphorus Awareness Study

GEMS Pty Ltd

This project was carried out to assess the impact of the Tuggerah Lakes Phosphorus Awareness Program on knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of the local residents.

The research involved a telephone survey amongst members of the local public community. Wyong Council used the findings to design and implement the Phosphorus Action Plan.

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