

Queensland

Central Queensland University

DP0988895 A/Prof SD Lockie

Approved Project Title **The social and environmental implications of privately regulated food quality standards for agri-food networks in Asia-Pacific**

2009 : \$ 47,000

2010 : \$ 50,000

2011 : \$ 50,000

Primary RFCD 3701 SOCIOLOGY

Administering Organisation Central Queensland University

Project Summary

This proposal will contribute to an environmentally sustainable Australia in two ways. First, the research will highlight barriers to the uptake of environmental standards among fruit and vegetable growers as well as potential strategies to encourage certification. Second, the research will assess the extent to which compliance with internationally harmonised standards actually assists or encourages farmers to address local priority environmental issues. Improved understanding of the social and environmental impact of standards will highlight domestic policy and regulatory shifts which may be necessary to maximise positive environmental outcomes.