

## **Robert Irwin**



Qualifications      B V Sc (hons) MBA

Specialised skills    Project initiation (business case)  
Project leadership & management  
Project and strategic review  
Directorship

Technical skills      All aspects of developing and managing large  
scale international agribusiness projects

Biography             Robert Irwin graduated with a BVSc (hons) from Melbourne University in 1976 and spent the next 6 years in mixed practice in the UK and Australia Flemington and Broken Hill.

In 1983 Rob joined AQIS as a veterinary officer and in 1984 and 1985 was Regional Director / Chief Veterinary Officer for Commonwealth Department of Primary Industries in the NT responsible for implementing the recommendations of the Woodward Royal Commission into the Meat Industry.

After completing an Masters of Business Administration (MBA) at The University of Melbourne in 1988, Rob joined the newly formed Elders IXL Meat Division which included Australia Meat Holdings (AMH), Australia's largest meat company. He was subsequently appointed General Manager responsible for managing a number of business units as well as the strategy formulation process. Following the sale of AMH Rob was responsible for restructuring and selling Elders New Zealand and then joined Cargill Inc where he worked in Australia and USA before being appointed Business Unit Leader for the Salt Business in Asia Pacific.

After the salt business was sold to Rio Tinto for strategic reasons Rob has worked privately for a large number of agribusiness clients and recently formed an international commodity processor / trading company called Aus Agri Pty Ltd. Aus Agri is currently cultivating and processing primary products in Sri Lanka for export markets.

## Experience

2002 - present	Private consultant and Executive Chairman Aus Agri Pty Ltd.
1995 - 2001	Business Unit Leader, Cargill and Director Cargill Australia Ltd.
1988 - 1994	General Manager, Elders IXL Meat Division and Fosters Strategy
1983 - 1987	Senior Veterinary Officer Commonwealth Dept of Primary Industries
1977 - 1983	Private Veterinary Practice

Full CV available on request