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I am here to assist you in developing, enhancing, or managing your project or study for any period including interim assistance with project setup, readiness and project development audits, independent reviews, part- or full-time project leadership positions based on commuting from Melbourne. Travel to remote and challenging locations is no problem. I am available 24/7 by arrangement, especially when the going gets tough or global entities are involved. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Purpose: I am passionate about helping my mining and metals clients create more robust development options, and make better (economically sustainable, safe, socially and environmentally responsible) project decisions.

Business: My consulting business specialises in short-term, part-time, interim, or extended project support and study management in mining and metals. That could mean anything from full- or part-time study management, simply filling in for someone, initiating a project or study whilst a permanent team leader is recruited, completing an audit, a delivery strategy, or creating high-quality project reports.

Qualifications: Fellowship of the AusIMM is your guarantee of my ethics and standing in the industry. After graduating in engineering from Curtin University, I completed a Graduate Diploma in Life-Cycle Management from Monash University. I have a Graduate Certificate in Business Management from the AGSM and Leadership Certificates from the Melbourne Business School and Oxford University.

Delivery: I have managed many high value projects and programmes valued using a range of project methodologies, and recent prefeasibility and feasibility studies for multi-billion-dollar projects in Australia, Africa and South America. I apply sound project management techniques based on project complexity, supply-chain capability, stake-holder expectations and organisational maturity.

Leadership: Having managed the delivery of technical geoscience and engineering support to multiple sites and led diverse study / project teams responsible for delivery across multiple locations and cultural backgrounds, I believe strongly that the adoption of new technologies, continual innovation and embracing change are vital to the on-going success of the mining sector. I am always on the lookout for ways to build better personal performance.

Stakeholders: I am comfortable and experienced with drawing-out and delivering on stakeholder expectations, synthesizing these into strategies and plans, and communicating at all levels from the grassroots to the executive. I am an advocate of face-to-face and managed team interactions, though other mediums are vital to timely and accurate information transfer. I have special interests in project framing, problem solving and decision making.