

MEET YOUR REGIONAL SOIL COORDINATOR

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My Role

As the Tropical North Queensland Regional Soil Coordinator (RSC), my role is to:

- Strengthen the capacity and knowledge of farmers and land managers
- Promote **soil testing** and help interpret results
- Empower informed decisions that improve productivity, sustainability, and resilience

I do this by meeting with farmers in person or at events and by working closely with our agricultural industry.



Our Challanges

Across Australia and globally, we face two major challenges: **climate variabilty** and **food security**. To tackle these, we need to think globally and act locally, and healthy soils are at the heart of the solution.

Good soil management is critical because it:

- Supports productivity and food security
- Improves resilience to drought and extreme weather
- Helps mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and climate impacts



Collective Purpose

A network of RSC across Australia provide support for the agricultural industries in their local area. Each RSC is linked with the local Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub. Their purpose is to:

- Connect and collaborate
- Improve soil management
- Support research and extension
- Community of Practice
- Understand local needs
- Promote best practices
- Help deliver the National Soil Strategy and Action Plans
- Act as a conduit on soil matters

Soil Survey: Let us know about your soil issues.

Scan the QR code or vist the link to complete the quick 2-minute survey.

<u>bit.ly/TNQSoilSurvey</u>



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Looking for soil information?

Scant the QR Code or visit the link to access the Smart Soils Resource at: soilscienceaustralia.org.au/smartsoils



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