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Part 1 - Summary Details

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CRDC Project Number: PCT1701

Project Title: Peter Cullen Trust Science to Policy Leadership Course
2016

Commencement Date: 12 September 2016 **Completion Date:** 2 December
2016

CRDC Research Program: 4 People

Part 2 – Contact Details

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Part 3 – Scholarship or Sponsorship Report

(Maximum two pages)

1. How has the course assisted you in your day to day working life?

The course has provided me greater confidence in what I want to achieve and the courage to be proud of my own morals and values in my working life. It highlighted that it's important to have emotional connections with people to get the best results but not to manipulate that situation and that communication is two-way and listening is more important than talking. I need to question more and listen to the response.

2. How has the course assisted you in your career path?

Following graduation, we become fellows of the Peter Cullen Trust and now have a broader network of professionals to call upon. The on-going benefits will be significant in my current and any future roles.

As above it has provided me with more confidence to advocate for my position but also listening to opposing views.

3. What was the most valuable thing you got out of the course?

Setting a clear direction, that represents your own morals and values and communicating with others who best to achieve that outcome and not being afraid of that direction.

4. How will completing the course benefit the industry?

The course will be invaluable to the industry as it provides linkages with a diverse range of people working in water. Its genius that the cotton industry recognises the importance of building strong leaders and exposing them to multi-disciplinary programs to break down the barriers between these different groups.

Being able to find common ground between a diverse set of people will be invaluable to the industry moving forward on critical policy areas.

5. How do you intend to share the knowledge you have gained with other people in the cotton industry?

I've already encouraged others in the industry to consider the program but also will utilise several tips and tricks in my everyday working life. With the opportunity I have to influence policy from a government perspective as well as on the ground, I will be able to share the learnings with several people in the industry on a day-to-day basis.

6. Do you have any recommendations on how to improve the course?

I believe there needs to be a level of diversity within the group in terms of discipline as well as cultural and social backgrounds. This will ensure that there is opportunity to find common ground in a complex situation.

I also recommend considering support for regional participants through additional engagement/mentoring during the course. There was a cluster of participants from several locations and they were able to meet face-to-face whereas others were quite isolated.

7. Please attach any supporting documentation or course completion transcript

Certificate of completion attached.

Please email your report 30 days after course to: research@crdc.com.au