



R&D forms the central strength of Forest Solutions. Not only as a capability for service, but as a historical source for the knowledge base and capacity developed by Forest Solutions. Both Owen Bassett and Cameron Paterson have long experience with field based investigation and research. No we are not an academic organisation, and our R&D niche differs from Universities in that we offer field-based and operational research, designed to directly address very specific issues. We offer smaller, purpose designed R&D services that Universities no longer provide.

At the core of our research activity is the development of operational systems and tools to aid forest management. *This is our speciality.* For example we are currently researching the flowering biology of Mountain Ash and Alpine Ash in Victoria's Central Highlands for DSE and VicForests. Of particular value is the systems and tools for forecasting flowering ahead of time that we have developed. No longer do organisations that require seed from these species go out and blindly search for it. Our systems can tell them where in the landscape it is, and in what year it will be available.

We can offer you a research or investigative component to monitoring programs. It's one thing to monitor forest decline or change, but what about investigating the cause as well? We can do that for you. And find solutions for recommendation!

Owen Bassett has been a Principal Scientist with two major forest research projects; The Silvicultural Systems Project (Victoria) and the Warra LTer Silvicultural System Project (Tasmania). He also has experience with researching the interaction of fauna with forest cycles, working closely with the late Professor of ecology, Dr David Ashton. Design, analysis and reporting, based on clearly defined objectives, is what Forest Solutions does best. Owen is the author of 12 peer reviewed published papers, and numerous Organisation reports, Guidelines and Instructions.

If you have forest issues, we can find solutions.

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