

Stuart Schmidt – General Manager ESG & Development

Stuart has extensive experience in planning, engineering, construction and operations management of open cut mines and associated infrastructure. He has expertise in innovative mine technology solutions from overburden removal to coal mining, from enabling efficient civil infrastructure construction to low emissions, cost effective steady state mine operations. His mechanical engineering, business management, mining geotechnical qualifications and experience enables Stuart to bring whole of life and sustainability considerations to developing new mining operations, starting and reinvigorating brownfield mining operations and addressing continuous improvement on steady state mining operations.

Together with 30 years working for leading Australian and international resources, construction and infrastructure companies, Stuart's expertise in mine operations productivity was grown successfully through time with BHP Iron Ore, Thiess, Golding Contractors and John Holland. Stuart understands the entire mine value chain from exploration drilling, to optimised mine operations.

Stuart has led contract coal mining technical teams from geology and geotechnical phases through design to commissioning. In operations roles, he has been responsible for teams exceeding 300 people operating extensive fleets moving over 100 million m³ of material per year.

Stuart holds a PhD, (Mining/Tunnelling – Rock Mechanics) from the University of Queensland, an MBA (Technology) from Deakin University and BE (Hons), Mechanical Engineering from the University of Queensland.