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I am a sociologist and anthropologist providing consulting and research services in the social and cultural aspects of natural resources and environment management and development.

I have 30 years' experience in social impact assessment, technology assessment, participatory planning and community consultation, international development, and in project and programme review and evaluation. I have worked on private, public, and NGO sponsored projects and programmes in New Zealand, Australia, the Pacific Islands, Indonesia, China, Bangladesh, India, and North Korea.

I have served as a senior scientist and consultant in research institutes, government agencies and in my own consultancy (Fitzgerald Applied Sociology) on domestic and international projects covering

- large and medium-scale hydroelectricity developments, and electricity transmission corridors
- residential sector energy conservation and demand side management
- natural, plantation, and protected forests management, and FSC sustainable management certification
- water resources management, irrigation developments, catchment erosion effects, and river engineering and protection
- agroforestry, and various types of agriculture and farming systems
- technologies for the management of invasive animals, and new biotechnologies
- sustainable livelihoods, rural community social development, community capacity development, and community resilience
- rural transportation
- coal and minerals mining and associated processing and manufacturing.
- biodiversity protection policy and tools
- tourism and outdoor recreation
- urban redevelopment and strategic planning.

I am also the author of a number of chapters in texts and readers in SIA, technology assessment, and natural resources, environment, wildlife, and protected areas management.