

Ken Bellamy

Ken Bellamy is the principal of Vital Resource Management Pty Ltd (VRM) and Prime Carbon Pty Ltd: two Australian companies that foster cooperative, sustainable environmental management through improvements in soil and water quality.

Studying humanities in California, Ken graduated with an honours degree in Theology and a keen interest in human relations which led him through a range of employment and volunteer teaching positions around the globe. Returning to Australia in the mid 1980's he practiced as a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) for ten years, prior to being challenged to revisit his passion for the way things work in our eco-system. This challenge led to the establishment of Vital Resource Management Pty Ltd (VRM) in 1997 as a biotech company offering a natural alternative to genetic modification and 'kill everything clean' processes in the management of biological risks. VRM's products and processes have gained respect in a range of industrial and agricultural situations since.

Ken continues to lead the Research and Development arm of VRM and has been responsible for a series of Patents and innovations centred on the management of biological populations which are licensed by VRM for manufacture of its products. Most recently this has led to a breakthrough in the biological enhancement of photosynthesis and the development of a range of biological formulations which allow improved nutrient efficiency in agriculture.

Prime Carbon was founded in 2004 as a vehicle to facilitate the quantification and sale of Carbon Instruments which directly support land management change and sustainable resource management. Prime Carbon has become a focal point for programs which bring about real changes in soil quality, water management and sustainable production on farms and other land. Prime Carbon's Soil Enhancement and Carbon Sequestration Program incorporates a range of measures for social, financial and scientific support for landholders and has become a leading example of the power of community in dealing with the issues of Climate Change.

A recognised pioneer, Ken enjoys a reputation for innovative, practical problem solving which has seen him make contributions to a number of important recycling and waste management discussions. His waste management programs and systems remain as leading examples of consistent operation within a biological framework which causes minimal impact on natural systems. Similarly, products developed in the late 1990's which allow reduced nutrient input to agriculture and foster sustained improvement in soil carbon reserves are now being recognised for their value in sustainable land management.

Ken has also produced a range of products and processes which are successfully used by governments and Municipal Authorities in Australia in the safe and efficient recycling of organic matter and which are used around the world to help stabilise biological reactions.

Ken's dream has been to see large-scale sustainable land used as "biological batteries" which employ natural photosynthesis as a means for widespread capture and storage of sunlight.

Biological batteries are, Ken believes, the way forward for our energy-challenged economic system and have vital corollary in the management of water.

Living in Townsville—Australia’s “Solar Cities”—Ken is active in a range of community and sporting programs particularly involving his extended family of nine. He leads a committed team of passionate innovators who aim to do a little good, have a few smiles and learn along the way.