

## **Michael Williamson, Principal Strategic Adviser, Sustainable Energy, Sustainability Victoria**

Michael Williamson is Principal Strategic Adviser, Sustainable Energy at Sustainability Victoria, an agency of the State Government of Victoria. In his role, he develops strategies to increase the use of renewable energy in Victoria and provides advice across the Victorian Government.

Michael's experience over the last 13 years includes the implementation of micro hydropower systems in developing countries, delivery of commercialisation programs for renewable energy technologies and providing policy and strategic advice in Federal and State Governments. Michael worked for several years developing micro hydropower projects for remote communities in Nepal and also was involved with utility scale hydropower, biogas, solar PV and energy efficient lighting projects.

He spent five years with the Australian Greenhouse Office in Canberra on programs funding the development of advanced solar, wind, biomass and wave power technologies. In this role he also was the policy manager of a venture capital fund investing in renewable energy startup companies.

Michael recently took up a series of assignments with the International Committee of the Red Cross as a water and habitat engineer, restoring essential services to communities during the civil war in Nepal. He returned to Australia in 2007 and joined Sustainability Victoria to contribute to the agency's work in renewable and sustainable energy