



### Dr Mike Bange

Dr Bange has been a cotton systems agronomist for 30 years, delivering innovation and substantial impact for sustainable cotton production. He is currently the Commercial Research Manager with Cotton Seed Distributors in Australia, supporting investment in grower-facing research. Before that, he was a Chief Scientist with CSIRO Australia, where he led initiatives in cropping systems research; physiology and agronomy; into managing abiotic stress; fibre quality initiatives across the whole value chain; crop nutrition; climate change impacts; and water use efficiency.

His career has also involved delivery of decision support systems for assisting crop management and knowledge dissemination. Recognition of his contributions in cotton physiology and agronomy was acknowledged by receiving the prestigious USA Beltwide Cotton Award in 2017, and in 2019 with a Service to Cotton Science award from the Association of Australian Cotton Scientists. He is a Fulbright Scholar with longstanding international collaborations, especially in the USA.