



### **CRC TiME Forum Speaker Biography – Simon McVeigh**

Simon McVeigh is a senior mine closure consultant with a background in geosciences, contaminated land management and operational mine closure planning. Simon's career has spanned fifteen years across mining and heavy industry including operational, studies and consulting roles. Having worked in multidisciplinary teams across the project lifecycle, from exploration through closure, Simon has developed an understanding of how a broad range of site-specific factors can interact to define risk and opportunity for all projects. Simon's technical background coupled with extensive operational experience is leveraged in identifying practical, site-specific solutions to operational and closure challenges. Currently Simon leads a range of geochemical and hydrological study programs aimed at informing the development of robust closure plans for operations globally.

In previous operational roles with Rio Tinto, Simon oversaw rehabilitation and closure works at Australia's largest annual mined lands rehabilitation program, spanning three operations at different stages of project life. During his tenure, Simon led a team which developed and negotiated formalized rehabilitation completion criteria with the Department of Environment Science (DES) and was Rio Tinto's environment and sustainability representative to the two Indigenous land use agreements (WCCCA and EBMPA). Simon holds a Master of Environmental Science from the University of Wollongong and is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.