



Integrated ESG and Natural Capital Rapid Assessment

This tool helps you identify which environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues, including nature-dependencies, matter most for your operation and how they align with stakeholder expectations.

Completing this assessment supports producers by:

- improving awareness of key risks and opportunities
- supporting better on-farm decision-making
- strengthening resilience to changing conditions
- preparing for market, regulatory and supply chain expectations

How to use the tool?

1. Download the **spreadsheet tool** available at <https://www.tnqdroughthub.com.au/esg-on-farm/>
2. Enter your data
 - Go to the "Data" tab
 - Review the list of material issue
 - Enter your score in the column "Significance to your farm". Only this column is editable. All other data is pre-filled.



Material issue	Category	Significance to your farm	Importance for Stakeholders
Land use and landscape condition	Environmental		4
Use of freshwater ecosystem (rivers, creeks, and wetlands)	Environmental		3
Clearing or changing land use	Environmental		4
Reduce carbon emissions	Environmental		3
Water use	Environmental		4
Fertilizer application	Environmental		4
Chemical application	Environmental		4
Solid waste management	Environmental		3
Noise or light pollution	Environmental		2
Natural ecosystem protection	Environmental		4
Biodiversity conservation	Environmental		4
Energy use	Environmental		4
Renewable energy use	Environmental		3
Diesel consumption	Environmental		3
Introduction of invasive species	Environmental		4
Biomass production	Environmental		3
Water supply	Environmental		5
Water regulation	Environmental		4
Soil condition and erosion control	Environmental		5
Carbon sequestration	Environmental		3
Solid waste remediation	Environmental		3
Storm mitigation	Environmental		4
Engagement with local community	Social		3
Engagement with Traditional Owners	Social		3
Good management	Social		4
Workplace health & safety	Social		4
Workforce conditions and fair pay	Social		4
Respectful and inclusive workplaces	Social		4

3. Use the scoring scale:

- Score each issue from 1 to 5.



Score	Meaning
1	Not significant
2	Low significance
3	Moderate significance
4	High significance
5	Very high significance

4. Select relevant issues:

- You can score all the material issues or focus only on those relevant to your farm

5. View your results:

- Once you enter your scores, your results will automatically appear in the "Materiality matrix tab".

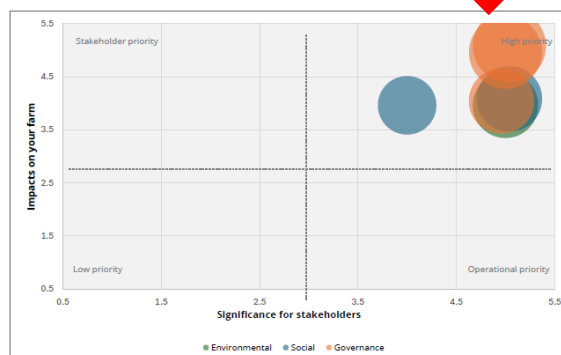
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Materiality matrix - Farm assessment

Top material issue	Category	Impact	Stakeholder
Land use and landscape condition	Environmental	5	4
Workplace health & safety	Social	4	4
Workforce conditions and fair pay	Social	5	4
Monitoring farm performance	Governance	5	4
Productivity and efficiency	Governance	5	5
Financial performance and profitability	Governance	5	5



Understanding your results

6. Top priority issues table

- The table "Materiality matrix – Farm assessment" highlights issues that are important for both your farm and stakeholders.
- These are your **key priorities**.

7. Materiality matrix graphic

- The graphic shows all the issues you have scored and is divided into four areas.

Quadrant	Meaning
Top-right	High priority issues – focus here first
Top-left	Stakeholder priority – future expectations
Bottom-right	Operational priority – efficiency and productivity
Bottom-left	Low priority – monitor over time



Further Guidance

8. For more detailed support, refer to the **ESG Handbook**, which includes:

- How to interpret your results
- Opportunities to mitigate ESG risks
- Practical actions to improve performance

Final note



There are no right or wrong answers.

This tool is designed to reflect your farm reality and support better decisions over time. It can also support sustainability reporting and communication.