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Melissa Hamilton is a strategic advisor and advocate for driving efficiency, operational excellence and sustainability within the events industry. As Principal Consultant for Sustainable Meetings & Events at EarthCheck, she works with clients across Australia and internationally to strengthen event systems, embed best-practice frameworks, and build organisational capability through tailored training and consulting.

With over a decade of experience spanning high-profile events, risk management, stakeholder engagement, and operational leadership, Melissa brings a global perspective shaped by her early career in Washington, D.C., including roles at the U.S. Senate and the Council on Foreign Relations. Since relocating to Australia in 2019, she has held senior roles in the tourism and events sector, focusing on streamlining operations, developing and delivering staff training, integrating risk identification and mitigation frameworks, and enhancing brand quality.

Melissa holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations (Honours) and Economic Policy from the University of Nevada, Reno, and a Diploma of Project Management from TAFE Queensland. Her work bridges policy understanding with practical operational action, helping organisations of all sizes identify and manage risk, improve event systems and measure their environmental impact.