



WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

2nd National Animal Welfare R,D&E Forum

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DAFF

Looking back - -

- Nov 2007 – AAWS – need for national structure to underpin welfare RD&E collaboration
- 2009 - PIMC endorsed national approach to RD&E across the livestock sectors
- Involves **all** state and territory governments as well as the Australian Government and industries

PIMC RD&E Framework

- Overarching **Statement of Intent**¹ covers
 - principles
 - roles and responsibilities
 - approaches to sectoral and cross-sectoral strategies
 - monitoring, evaluation and review.

1 Available online at <http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/innovation/national-primary-industries>

OVERARCHING AIM

- Greater co-ordination in innovation and RD&E in the primary industries sector.
- Should **Optimise** use of available resources by improved
 - **Harmonisation** of efforts,
 - **Collaboration** on projects,
 - national research **Capability**.

Extension is Key component -

- (g) the national research capability - - integral component of a wider innovation agenda, supporting development and extension; and
- (h) that research undertaken in one location will be developed and extended nationally for primary industries.

RD&E Framework for Animal Welfare

- 2010 - first cross-sectoral RD&E Framework developed and sponsored by Victorian DPI.
 - Now self-supporting
- Focuses on initiatives to promote sustainable, innovative & profitable industries
- Recognises importance of other parties in animal welfare RD&E

Current Landscape

- Productivity Commission report – low RDC efficiency, particularly for ‘public good’
 - Proposed halving government funding
 - Government response – maintain current funding, need to improve RDC delivery
- Revision of Model Codes is pressure area
 - in some cases evidence base is thin but community requirements are clear
 - RD&E to facilitate cost-efficient compliance with some proposed standards

Animal Welfare RD&E Framework²

- DAFF, RDCs, jurisdictions, research organisations
- Structures – Steering Committee, Forum
- PROCESSES:
- Scoping Proposals – survey, forum meetings (annual)
- Prioritising – Steering Committee
- Funding – RDCs, research institutes, governments

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[http://www.npirdef.org/files/resourceLibrary/resource/16 Animal Welfare RDE Strategy.pdf](http://www.npirdef.org/files/resourceLibrary/resource/16_Animal_Welfare_RDE_Strategy.pdf)

Progress so far - -

- 7 thematic areas developed in 2010
- Steering Committee role crucial
 - hosts forum AND prepares project ideas for presentation to potential investors
- From 2011-12 planning cycle:
 - One project underway
 - One project still under development for funding
- Survey is start of 2012-13 planning cycle

Role of the Forum

- Steering Committee funds Forum and executive functions
- Forum is annual opportunity to
 - Debate emerging issues/areas
 - Look for collaborative opportunities across livestock sectors
 - Scope what is underway in those areas
 - Advise steering committee of priorities, coverage, and capacity to address them
- Much preliminary work done by Survey

Outcomes from today -

- To identify further potential collaborative projects
- To identify gaps in capability which need to be addressed to cover RD&E across the 7 identified cross-sectoral research Themes.

Thank you and Welcome

