

AgriFutures Australia Program Framework

Purpose

This Program Framework complements AgriFutures Australia’s Strategic Research & Development Plan (R&D Plan) 2017-2022 and will inform the development of key planning and reporting documents such as the Annual Operating Plan and the Annual Report.

The Framework supports AgriFutures Australia’s planning, performance and accountability requirements under the PGPA Act and Funding Agreement 2015-19 with the Commonwealth of Australia represented by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

As required by the Funding Agreement, the Framework comprises four elements.

1. Planned outcomes
2. KPI for each Program of investment
3. Expected total cost of each Program of investment
4. An Evaluation Framework

Planned outcomes

AgriFutures Australia’s planned outcomes is stated in the ‘Our focus’ section of the R&D Plan:

<i>Outcome:</i>	
<i>Increased knowledge that fosters sustainable, productive and profitable new and existing rural industries and further understanding of national rural issues through research and development in government-industry partnership.</i>	
Arena:	Outcome:
People and leadership	Rural industries are equipped with skilled people and the leadership to grow and prosper.
National challenges and opportunities	Challenges and opportunities that are common across rural sectors are identified and addressed.
Growing profitability	Industry participants are confident that their levy investment is delivering value.
Emerging industries	High-potential emerging rural industries established.

Our outcomes were agreed by key stakeholders and the Commonwealth through the consultation process to develop the R&D Plan.

The R&D Plan also sets out the Programs of research, development and extension (RD&E) activities designed to pursue the outcome and each arena. Program RD&E plans are published on the AgriFutures Australia website.

KPIs for each Program of investment

A clear line of sight exists from AgriFutures Australia's outcome and Program RD&E plans to the annual Portfolio Budget Statement, the Annual Operational Plan and the Operational Annual Report.

Nine KPIs are specified in the 'Measuring success' section of the R&D Plan. Program KPIs are included in the Program RD&E plans.

Expected total cost of each Program of investment

The 'Financials' section of the R&D Plan sets out the five-year budget to deliver the outcome. The Annual Operational Plan specifies investment expenditure for key activities to be undertaken in each Program.

Evaluation Framework

Outputs and performance impacts of Program investments are evaluated through AgriFutures Australia's Evaluation Framework and summarised in the Annual Report.