

A financially prosperous, climateresilient and decarbonising agriculture sector for Australia.



Natural Capital in Agriculture: Biological & Ecological Assets



Agriculture Assets:

Traditionally, accounting focuses on a limited set of assets



Ecological Assets: are **invisible** in the traditional view

Farm Business Accounts Income & Expenses Financial Assets Biological Assets Property, Plant & Equipment

Ecological Assets

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Farming for the Future: Vision and strategy for a Natural Capital Farm Benefits Benchmarking Program

Farming for the Future: Large-scale Evidence



Questions:

- Will changes to the natural capital of my farm be in my best interests?
- Will they help me meet my business, personal and social goals more easily?
- If so, what changes would I make?

Research Program Aims:

- Provide information about associations between different 'levels' of natural capital with differences in farm business performance and other benefits for farmers.
- Equip farmers and their advice networks with tools to use this information to prepare a 'business case' for investment in natural capital.

Vision of a Natural Capital Farm Benefits Diagnostic Platform



Farmers will make decisions that they believe best balance their **production**, **landscapes**, **business outcomes** and **personal goals**

Enablers:

- a. Ability to measure natural capital
- **b.** Trusted evidence and data to support the investment case
- c. Access to financial capital
- d. Access to advice, capability and resource (time)
- e. Supportive and enabling community environment

Focus is core production income over off-farm income streams





Farming for the Future timeline



Phase 1

Strategy, planning and plausibility