

PASTORAL LANDS BOARD

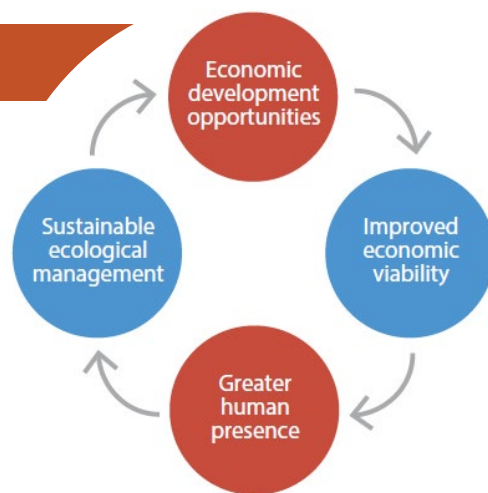
Statement of Strategic Intent 2021-2023

The pastoral industry is one of Western Australia's oldest industries and continues to make a significant contribution to regional economic activity. This strategic plan reflects the Pastoral Lands Board's commitment to work with industry and government to create a prosperous and sustainable pastoral industry.

STRATEGIC VISION

The Pastoral Lands Board is committed to working with industry and government to create a prosperous and sustainable pastoral industry.

The Pastoral Lands Board believes that economic development and ecological management of pastoral lands are interdependent as illustrated. Achieving a balance of both will require creating an environment where Government works cooperatively with pastoral lessees to enhance productivity and financial viability to achieve improved land management outcomes.



THE PASTORAL LANDS BOARD

The Pastoral Lands Board has joint responsibility with the Minister for Lands for administering Western Australia's pastoral leases in accordance with *The Land Administration Act 1997*. The Pastoral Lands Board's functions include: advising the Minister for Lands in relation to pastoral land policy, and ensuring that pastoral leases are managed on an ecologically sustainable basis.



INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT

- WA's pastoral estate covers approximately 39% of the State's landmass, or around 870,000 square kilometres, which is larger than the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Italy combined.
- There are 434 pastoral stations consisting of 490 leases. The average station measures approximately 200,000 square hectares.
- The pastoral estate is diverse, with a wide variation of climatic conditions and vegetation types ranging from monsoonal savannah and grasslands of the Northern Rangelands (Kimberley and Pilbara) through to the hot arid interior and the cold grasslands of the Southern Rangelands.
- Pastoral leases are predominantly used for growing cattle and sheep for meat and wool. Many pastoralists have diversified into other activities including horticulture, aquaculture, carbon capture and tourism. Currently beef production accounts for the bulk of pastoral production. Sheep numbers have declined dramatically since the 1990s.
- There are more than 1 million head of cattle, approximately 55% in the Kimberley, 20% in the Pilbara and 25% in the Southern Rangelands. Currently there are less than 200,000 sheep, all in the Southern Rangelands

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PASTORAL LANDS BOARD

Six of the eight Board members are appointed by the Minister for Lands, being; the chairperson, three pastoralists, an expert in the field of flora, fauna or land conservation management and an Aboriginal person with pastoral experience. The Directors General of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage are also members of the Board.



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VISION	A sustainable pastoral estate supporting a prosperous pastoral industry in Western Australia			
OBJECTIVES	Ecologically sustainable industry development	Prosperous pastoral enterprises	Contemporary policies recognising the diverse uses and geography of the pastoral estate	Land use reform for the pastoral industry
OUTPUTS	An effective and practical pastoral land management system	An efficient approvals process for diversified economic activities on pastoral land	Endorsed Policy Framework	Clear and decisive guidance to Government on pastoral land reform
		Regionally specific industry opportunities	A process for annual assessments of ecological health across the pastoral estate	
		Growth of sustainable Aboriginal led pastoralism		
ACTIVITIES	Support opportunities linking sustainable land management and improved economic outcomes	Support opportunities for diversification	Develop policies promoting effective and sustainable pastoral management	Work with Government and industry to develop and implement pastoral lands reform
		Promote region specific industry initiatives	Work with Government to implement a robust land condition monitoring system	
	Promote Accreditation, to provide incentive and recognition for ecologically sustainable pastoralism	Support Aboriginal pastoral enterprises	Ensuring the Pastoral Purposes Framework responds to industry needs	