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MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE



Economic Development,
Jobs, Transport
and Resources

PORTFOLIO OBJECTIVE & OUTPUTS

OBJECTIVE

More productive, competitive, sustainable and job-rich food, fibre and resources industries

OUTPUTS

Agriculture(BP3 p124-127)

- **Protect and enhance market access**
- **Increase farm productivity and supply chain efficiencies**
- **Manage economic and climatic volatility, natural disasters and biosecurity emergencies**
- **Meet consumer and community expectations in animal welfare, food safety and environmental standards**

Sustainably Manage Fish, Game & Forest Resources(BP3 p130-131)

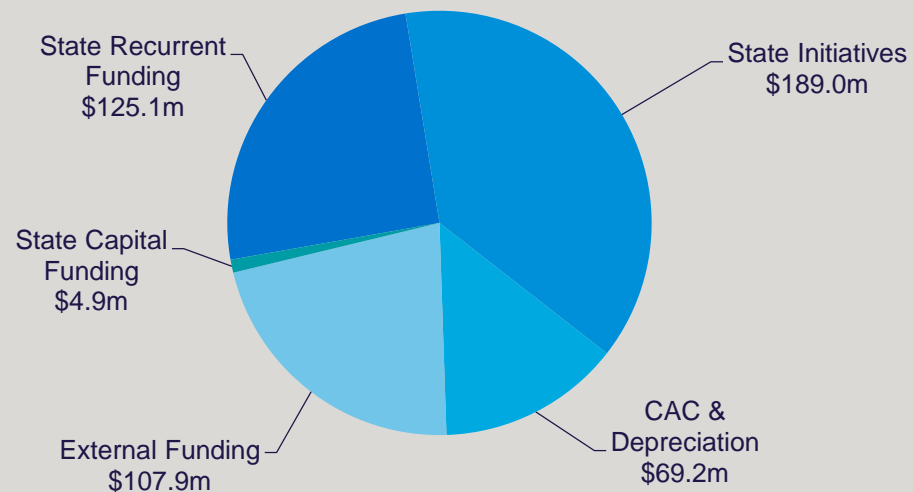
- **Grow the natural resources economy**

PORTFOLIO BUDGET & WORKFORCE

2017-18 BUDGET

	Output	Asset	Total
Agriculture	\$401.3m	\$4.8m	\$406.1m
Fish, Game & Forestry	\$ 89.9m	\$0.1m	\$ 90.1m
Total	\$491.2m	\$4.9m	\$496.1m

Funding Composition



WORKFORCE

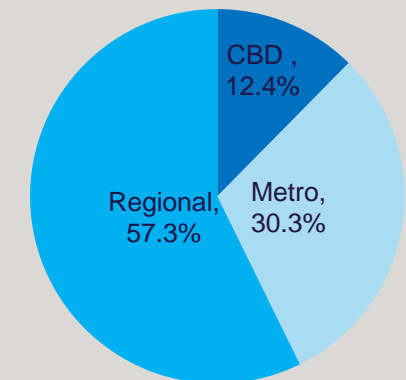
Employment by Output

Portfolio employs 1,195.0 FTEs (March 2017)

- Agriculture – 1,025.5 FTE
- Fish, Game & Forestry – 169.5 FTE

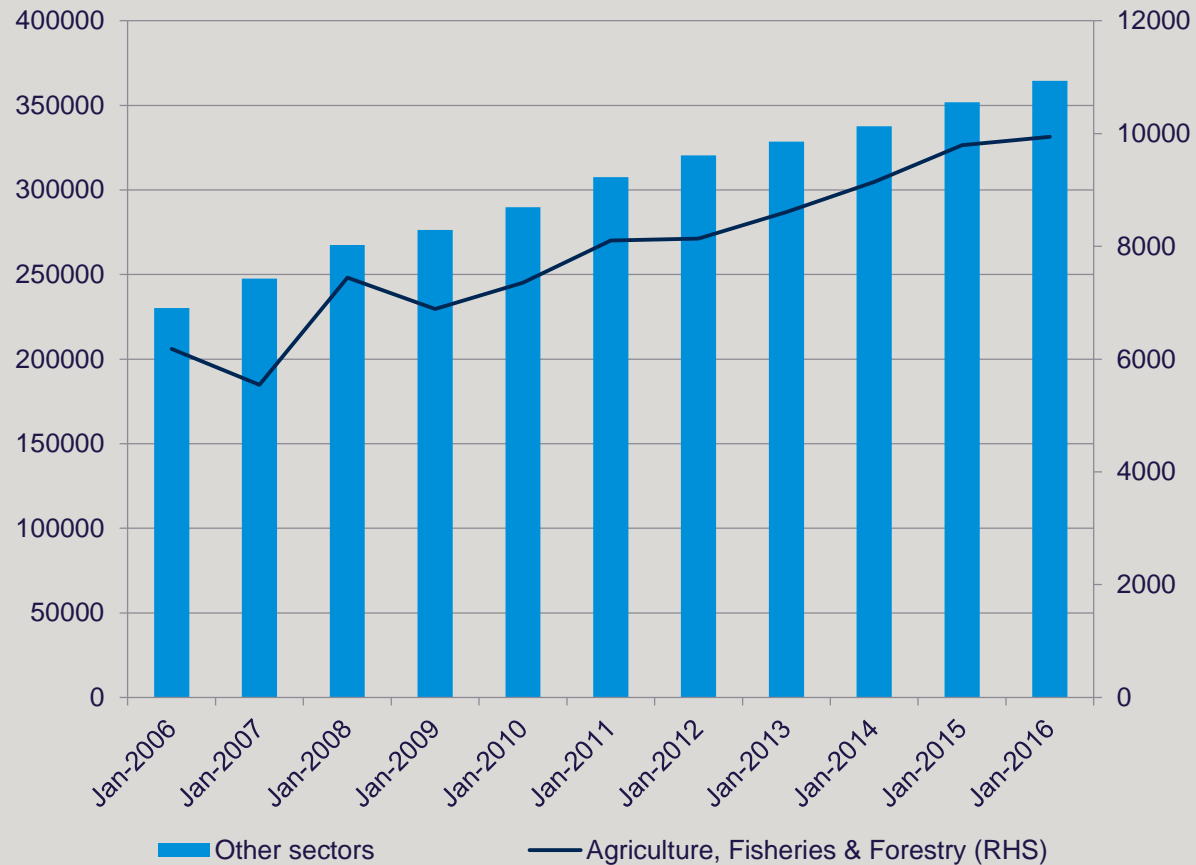
FTE Distribution

CBD	148.0
Metro	362.6
Regional	684.4



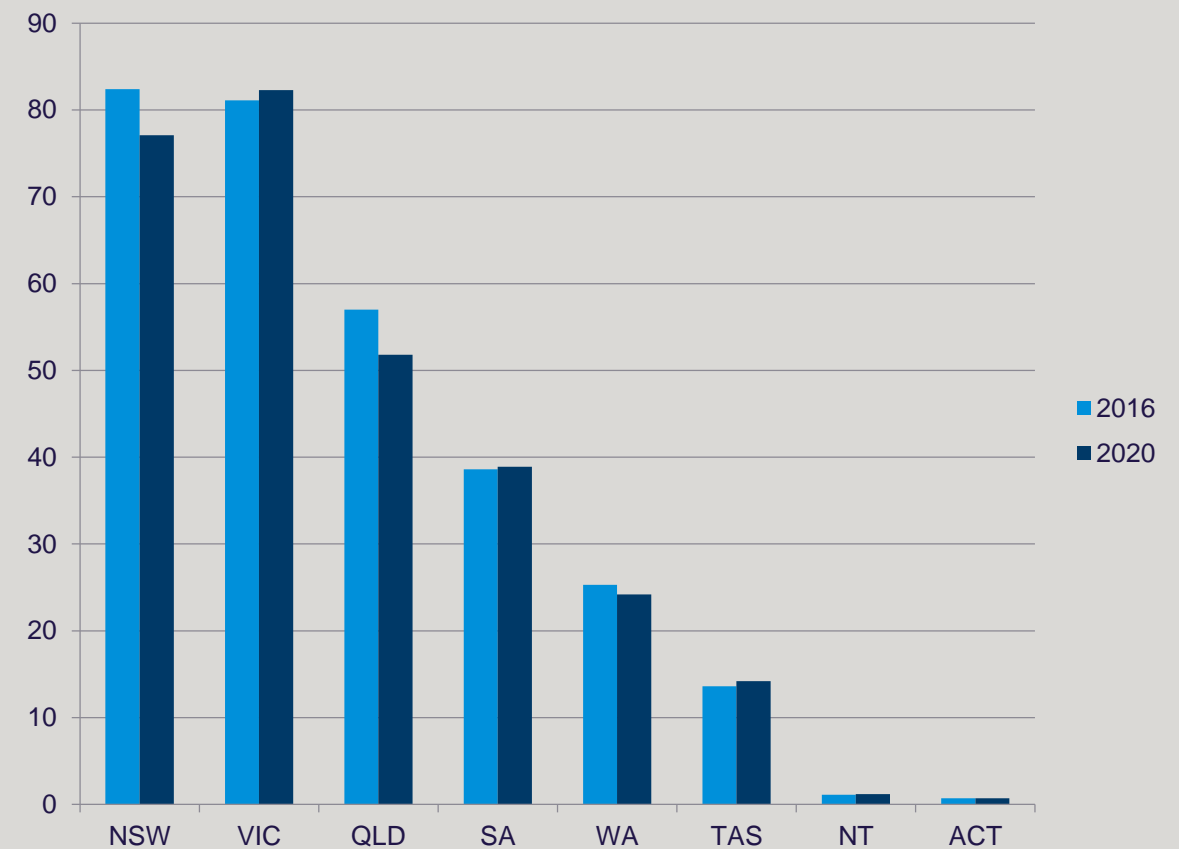
PORTFOLIO CONTRIBUTION

Contribution to Gross State Product (\$m)



Source: 5220 Australian National Accounts: State Accounts 2015-16

Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry Employment ('000)







Source: Department of Employment 2016 Employment Projections





PORTFOLIO CONTRIBUTION

ECONOMIC

Exports (15/16)

- \$1.18b Horticulture  \$278m
- \$451m Almonds  \$70m
- \$340m Table Grapes  \$125m
- \$251m Wine  \$51m

Value of production

- \$13.1b Agriculture (14/15)  \$461k
- \$586m Forestry (14/15)  \$58m
- \$58.7m WC fisheries (14/15)  \$3.9m
- \$29m Aquaculture (14/15)  \$3.6m

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL

Recreational fishing

- 800,000 fishers
- \$7.1b in economic activity (EY Figures)

Game hunting

- 50,000 licenced hunters
- \$439m in economic contribution

Domestic animals

- 671,293 registered dogs
- 215,017 registered cats

Animal welfare

- 857 livestock reports (Apr 2016 – March 2017)
- 10,544 other animal reports (RSPCA)

Biosecurity

- 91 biosecurity events, incursions & emergencies 

KEY PRIORITIES - AGRICULTURE

Market access and trade

- Trade missions e.g. Gulfood 2017
- Food Source Victoria
- China nectarine import protocol

Infrastructure and supply chain

- Agriculture Infrastructure & Jobs Fund

Biosecurity

- Fruit fly
- Wild dogs
- Pest & disease incursion response e.g. anthrax
- Animal welfare reform (domestic and livestock)

Industry support

- Dairy support package
- Storm and flood response
- Young Farmers MAC & Scholarships

Industry development

- Wine Industry Strategy & Growth Fund
- Planning for Sustainable Animal Industries
- AgTech

Research & Development

- Medicinal cannabis cultivation trial
- DairyBio

KEY PRIORITIES – FISHERIES

Industry development

- Victorian Fisheries Authority
- Victorian Aquaculture Strategy
- New marine science collaboration

Fisheries management

- Port Phillip Bay dive fisheries
- Rock lobster tagging

Fish stocking

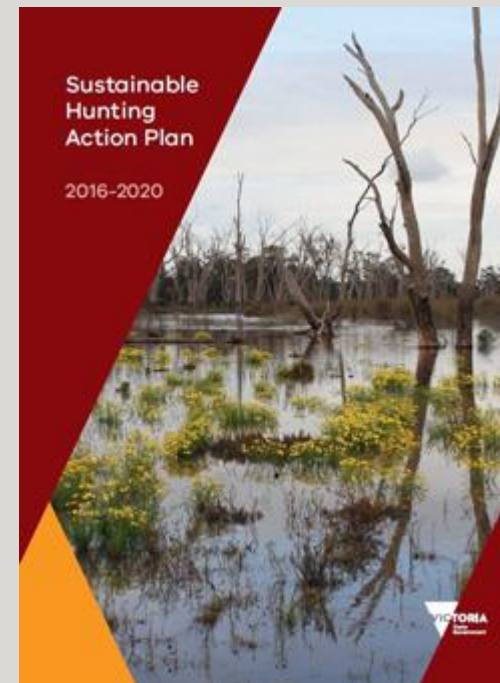
- 3.9m trout, salmon and native fish



KEY PRIORITIES – GAME

Industry development

- Sustainable Hunting Action Plan
- Hunting hog deer at Snake Island trial

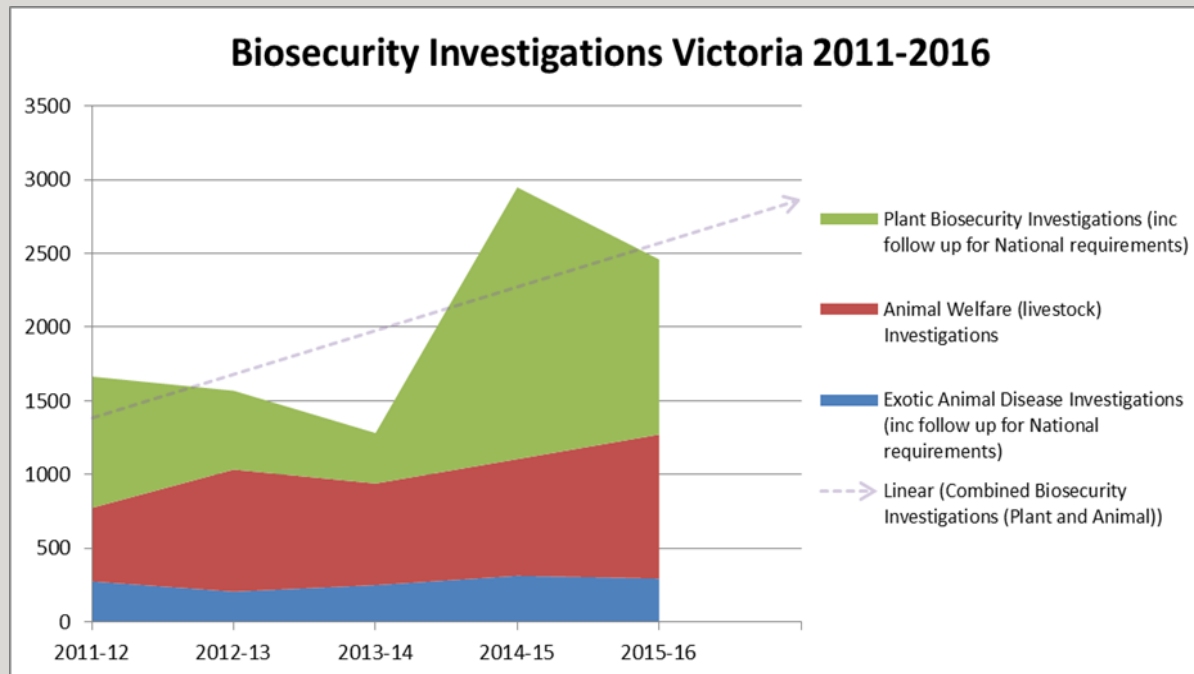


OUTPUT INITIATIVES – AGRICULTURE (BP3 P27-30)

Maintain Victoria's biosecurity services

(\$44.4m - 2 years)

- Maintain capacity & capability



OUTPUT INITIATIVES – AGRICULTURE (BP3 P27-30)

Implementing sheep & goat identification

(\$21.5m - 3 years)

- Grants for infrastructure
- Tag subsidy



Red imported fire ant eradication

(\$19.2m - 4 years)

- 10 year national eradication plan
- Treatment, surveillance, community engaged
- Response to independent review



OUTPUT INITIATIVES – AGRICULTURE (BP3 P27-30)

Re-establish the Rural Women's Network (\$1.7m - 4 years)

- Promote economic participation and professional development
- Provide support services, education, mentoring and networking opportunities
- Independent not-for-profit philanthropic organisation



OUTPUT & ASSET INITIATIVE - FORESTRY (BP3 P26)

Supporting jobs in the timber industry

- \$110M to expand the plantation estate in Gippsland
 - Support long-term sustainability of industry
 - Working closely with industry, local government
 - Increasing proportion of plantation-sourced timber
- Acting to protect local jobs at the Heyfield mill
 - Requested owners work with Government to facilitate the sale of the mill
 - Government prepared to purchase at a fair and reasonable value, if necessary
 - Priority is protecting local jobs and the future of the community
 - Active negotiations