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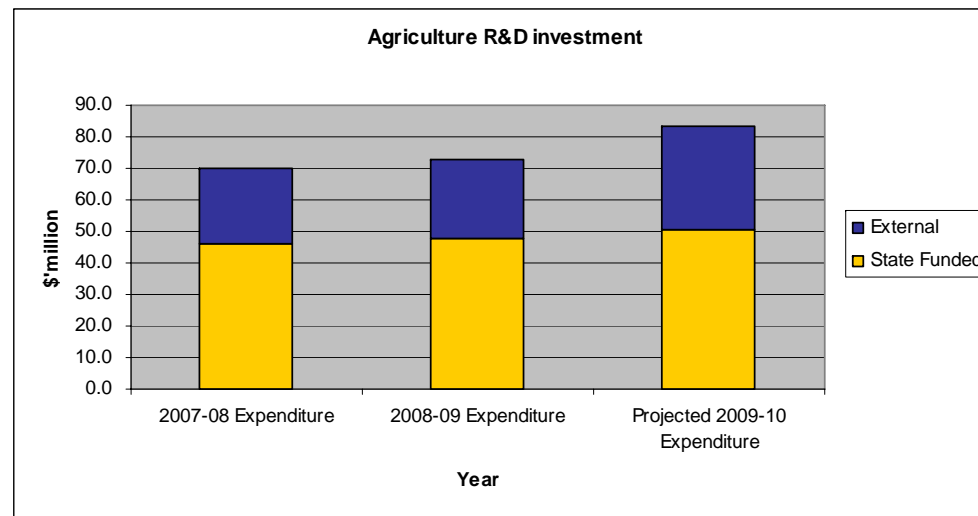
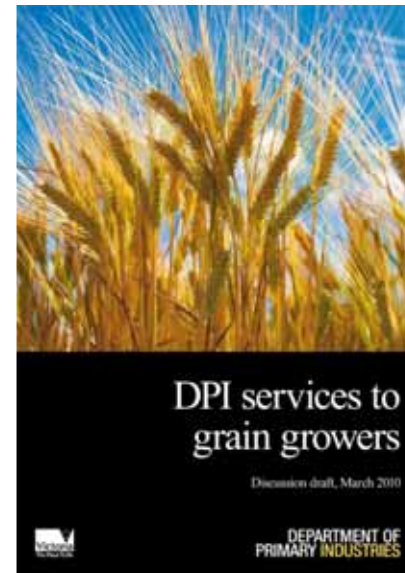
Challenge

- Supporting primary industries and improving productivity
- Building stronger regional and rural communities



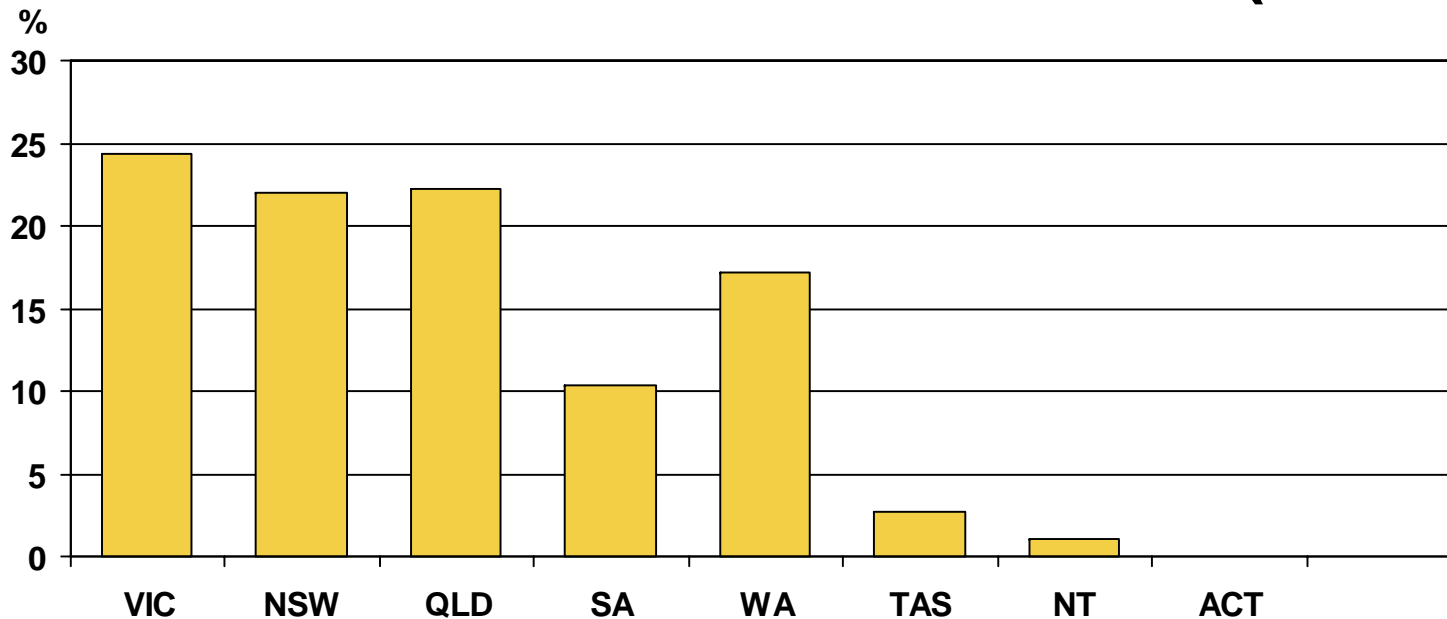
Response

- New technologies and farm practices through R&D
- Better targeted services



Outcomes

Victoria's agricultural production is worth \$10.0 billion – or 24% of the Australian total (2008-09)



Proportion Contribution to Australian Total Value of Agricultural production, ABS Value of Principal Commodities Produced, Australia, Preliminary 2008-09

Challenge

- Supporting Victoria's dairy sector
- Maintaining industry confidence

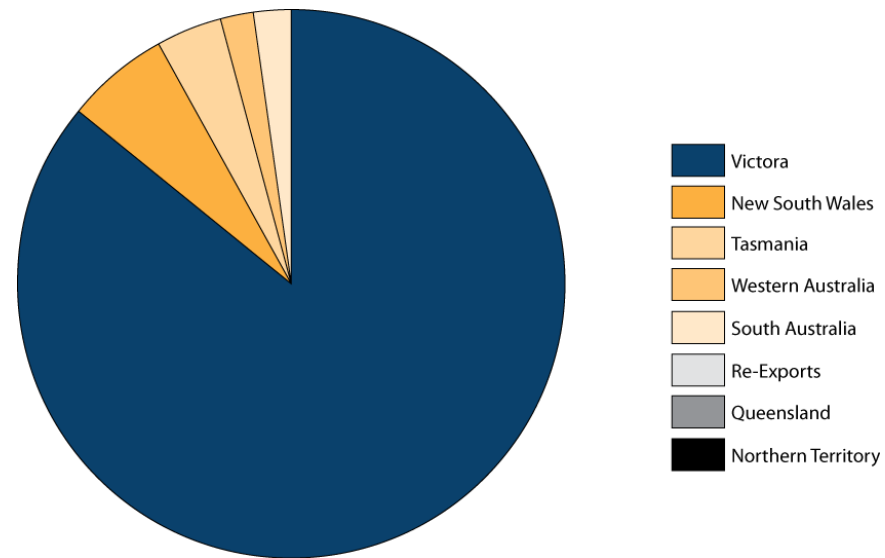


Response: Putting research into practice



Outcome

Victoria's dairy industry exports are worth \$1.9 billion – or 86 % of the Australian total



Australian Dairy Exports by State of Origin, 2009 (\$AU million).

Challenge

- Broader biosecurity threats
- Increasing incidents



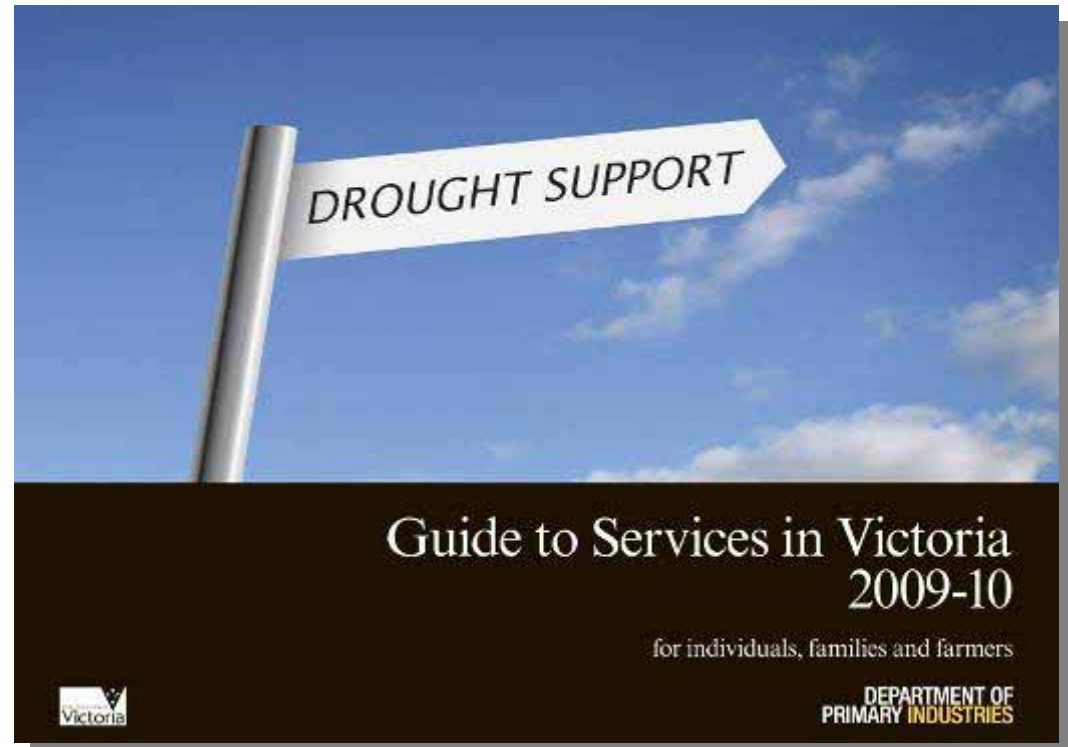
Response

- Enhanced preparedness
- Smarter surveillance
- Rapid detection



Focus area

- Drought



Focus area

- Fisheries – secure, share, grow



Having a bulk lot of projects of the new offshore reef off Frithford

New reefs snapped up

THE artificial recreational fishing reefs, being installed at Apswick, Seaford and Frankston have been rapidly snapped up by snappers and other fish species including flathead, over the summer months and are offering new opportunities for anglers.

Indonesian Minister for Fisheries said the first round of research which began in May had been completed and snapper and flathead had dominated the catches.

"During November and the first week of December, which is the peak of the snapper season, 72 fishing trips were made by the research anglers," he said.

"Preliminary analysis of the research angler catches for flathead and fishing for snapper on the reefs were much better than at sites with sandy and rocky seabeds."

The three reefs, each 100 metres offshore in 11 metres of water, and a range of 30 species of fish.

Indonesian Minister for Fisheries said the research sampling indicated a significant increase in fish numbers over the winter survey and recreational species in the reef areas.

"Large schools of young snapper were observed by divers on the recreational reefs and there was no noticeable change in abundance of snapper in the reef adjacent comparison sites," Mr. Hiron said.



Focus area

- Timber Industry Strategy
- Vic Forests



Focus area

- Research and Development



New initiatives

- Fast and efficient response to natural disasters



New initiatives

- Driving innovation in science, technology and application



New initiatives

- Targeting biosecurity threats





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