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WHY HAVE A FRAMEWORK?

“Research, Development and Extension (RD&E) in primary industries is a key factor for increasing productivity and ensuring sustainability. RD&E across Australia is a very complex web of research providers and investors who are independent operators with strong interconnections. The 16 R&D corporations and industry-owned companies (RDC’s) are an integral component of this web, as well as the state and territory governments, CSIRO, universities and private providers. If Australia’s primary industries are to improve their productivity and sustainability they can not afford a duplicative RD&E system. Nationally, RD&E investment in primary industries, which exceeds \$1b annually needs to be focused, used efficiently, effectively and collaboratively.”

Primary Industries Standing Committee R&D Subcommittee.

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