

WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM A COCKROACH?

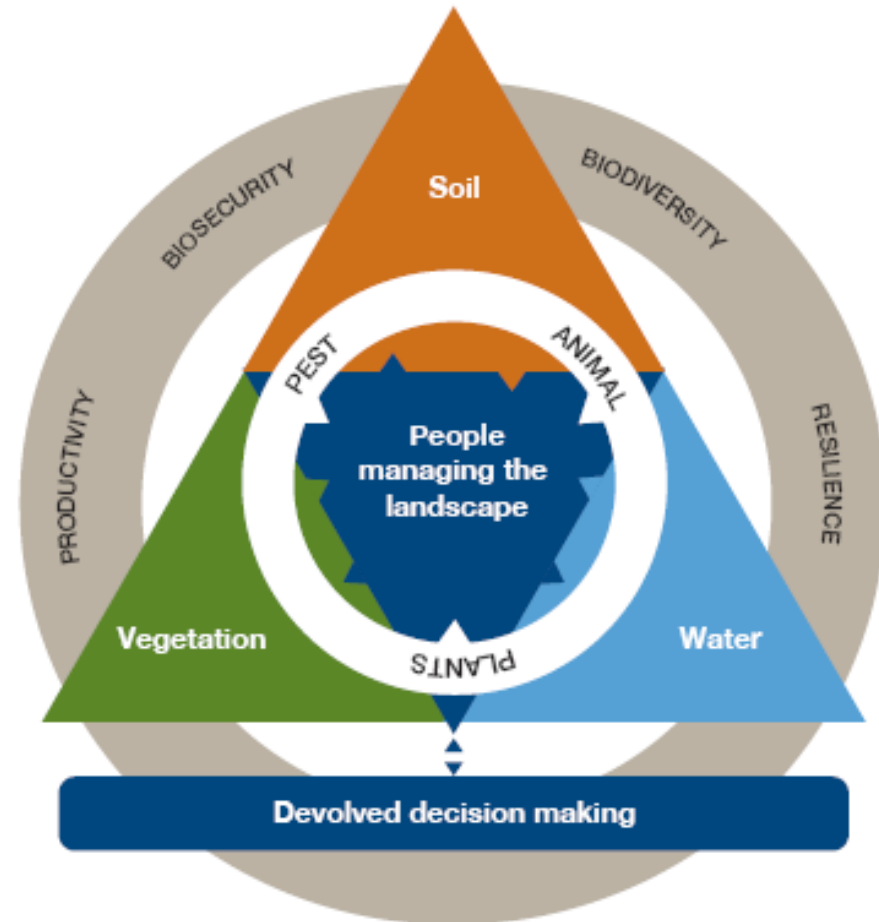
ROLES OF THE NRC

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Who is the NRC?

Independent advisor to the NSW Govt to improve productivity, conservation and community well being



Recent work

1. independent advice on complex issues:
 - active management in conservation areas
 - weeds and pests
 - research priorities
2. brokering and mediation on contested issues:
 - who gets the cash?
 - forestry
3. accountability and assurance:
 - audits of LLS
 - review of LLS strategic plans, MER
 - Environmental Trust
 - trials on national parks
 - water sharing plans



Independent auditor of LLS

- **Independent assurance** to investors
 - Enhances the degree of confidence over outputs and outcomes
 - Reduces investment risk
 - Improves organisational effectiveness, performance and accountability
- **Objective** examination of evidence to assess:
 - Effectiveness of controls and procedures
 - Performance
 - Compliance
- **Targeted** and focused on a **risk basis**

Performance Standard for LLS



Why have a performance standard?

- Benefits for NRM investors
 - **confidence** that **benchmarks** are transparently set, and
 - that performance is **actively monitored** and **continuously improved**
- Benefits for NRM bodies
 - improved **performance**, which leads to....
 - better **on-ground outcomes**
 - increased chance that investor **funding** is maintained
 - increased likelihood of organisational **longevity**

Top risks for LLS

The background of the slide is a photograph of a natural landscape. In the foreground, there is a river with several large, weathered logs partially submerged, creating small rapids. The riverbank is covered with tall, green grasses and some rocks. In the middle ground, there are rolling green hills with scattered trees and a few small buildings. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

Governance and decision making

Communication

Funding security & investment prioritisation

Biosecurity

Collaboration



Priorities for regional bodies

1. Achieve efficiencies whilst maintaining localism

2. Client service

3. Build trust

Lessons

1. Restructures are tough, leadership is needed
2. Strength in diversity *and* in unity
3. Be ahead of the curve





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QUESTIONS
