

# **BIGG - Remaining Relevant**

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**Natural Resources** SA Murray-Darling Basin















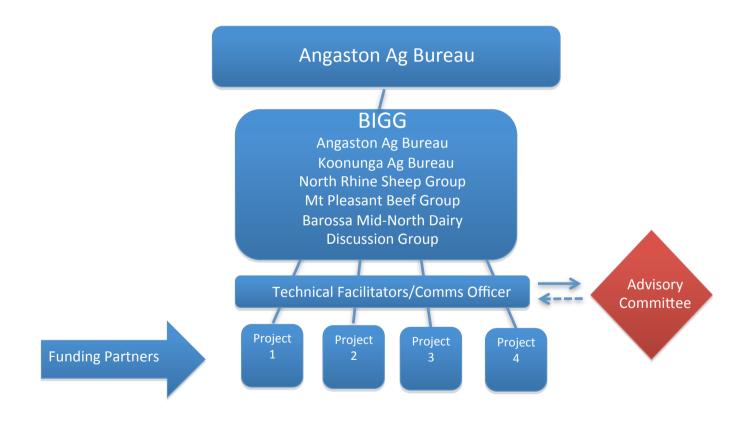


#### Who we are

'A network of livestock production and farming groups that <u>delivers and</u> communicates innovative projects for sustainable grazing systems while promoting NRM outcomes'



#### **Governance structure**





### BIGG is 'producer driven'

- Started with 'Winter Pasture NRM Project' (2012, NR AMLR funded)
- Ongoing 'harvesting' of producers project ideas





# How does BIGG remain relevant?



#### 1. We are connected

Projects driven from the

ground up

 Link with other local grower groups (e.g. BGWA)

- Stakeholders
  - Industry vs. producer driven priorities





# 1a. Industry driven

- Eg. MLA Producer Research Site Project
- But has proved positive
  - New relationships
  - Tap into expertise





#### 2. We are serious about communications

- Projects are 'marketed'
- Communication Plan
- Communications Officer
- Awards





#### 3. We are accountable

 Strategic & Operational Plan 2016-18 (2014 AgEx local grower group award)

Being accountable and pushing ourselves

to improve





# Take home messages

- Listen to your producers
- Remaining relevant = providing value

