



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry

Agricultural Sustainability and Trade

Opportunities and challenges

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for Australian Agriculture

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Overview

Role

- Shaping global debates, perceptions and engagement

Reflections on global conversations

- Sustainability
- Food security and safety
- Approaches to market access and trade

Opportunities and challenges





Special Representative for Australian Agriculture

- Appointed in November 2021
- Unique role – only Australia and New Zealand have this role
- Amplification of industry voice in trade and market access both in Australia and overseas

Tasked to:

- Demonstrate Australia's ongoing commitment to the multilateral system and its principles
- Build our agricultural sector's capabilities and engagement with the multilateral system and promote its interests
- Build alliances with like-minded country officials



Global Agriculture Leadership

Australia is stepping up its influence and engagement in agricultural multilateral institutions and policy forums to strengthen their effectiveness and capacity



World Health
Organization



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION



World Organisation
for Animal Health
Founded as OIE





Domestic engagement





Europe





US and NZ





South America

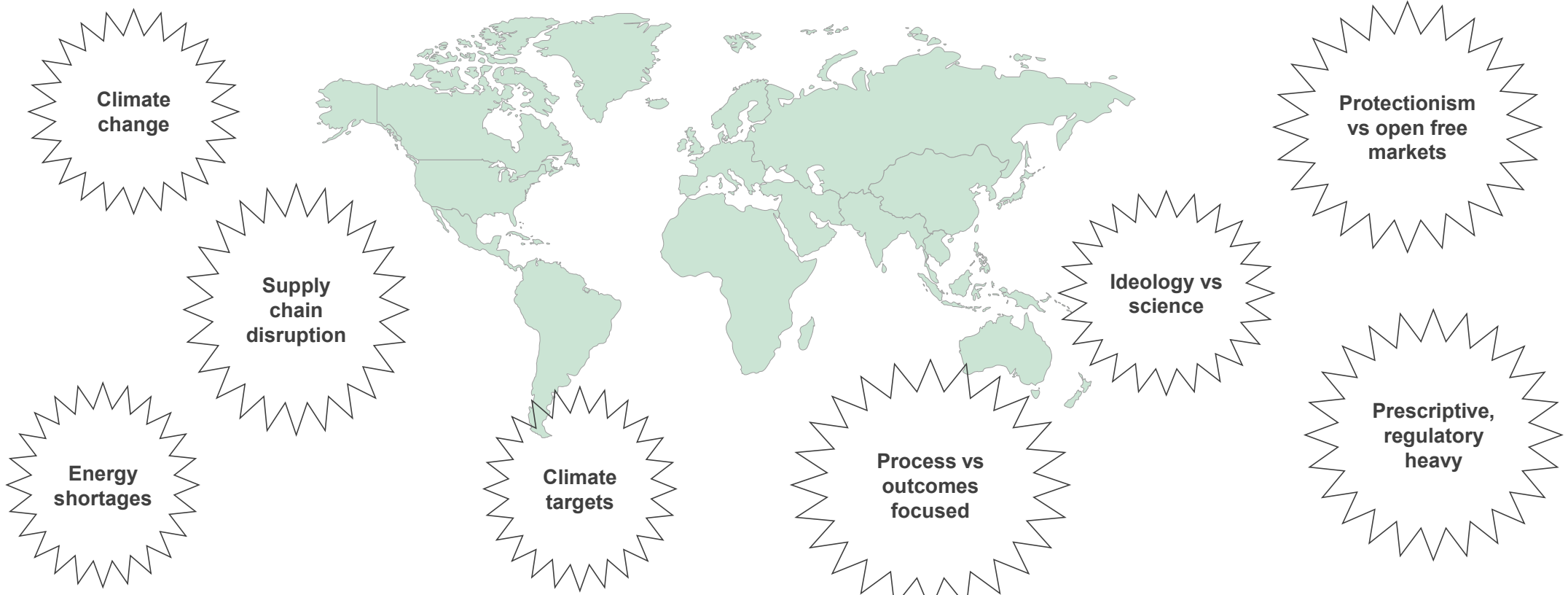




Challenges to the global trading environment

COVID-19 - Conflict - Climate

Food prices - Fertiliser - Fuel





Sustainability & Food Security

- Agricultural practices need to be sustainable for long term food production and food security
- To feed a growing population ag sector must lift production and productivity BUT at the same time reduce inputs and impacts
- More challenging for the tropics – forecast to have over half worlds population by 2050 BUT also at frontline of climate change





Sustainability & Trade

- Domestic policies should not impact and restrict trade
- Need to maintain open, transparent, and predictable agricultural trade
- No one size fits all





Sustainability & Agriculture

- Food systems - supply chain and the circular economy
- Repurpose support:
 - sustainable outcomes
 - food safety
 - animal welfare
 - Health
- Underpinned by science and evidence





Rural Research and Development Corporations (RDCs)

Strategic investments in research, development and technology transfer or adoption

Government

- Matching funding
- Govt collects and administers levies

Industry

- Funding agreement with government


AgriFutures
Australia


GRDC
GRAINS RESEARCH
& DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION


**Forest & Wood
Products Australia**


**Sugar Research
Australia**


awi
Australian Wool
Innovation Limited


**Australian
eggs**


AMPC
AUSTRALIAN MEAT PROCESSOR CORPORATION


**Dairy
Australia**


**Hort
Innovation**


CRDC
COTTON RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

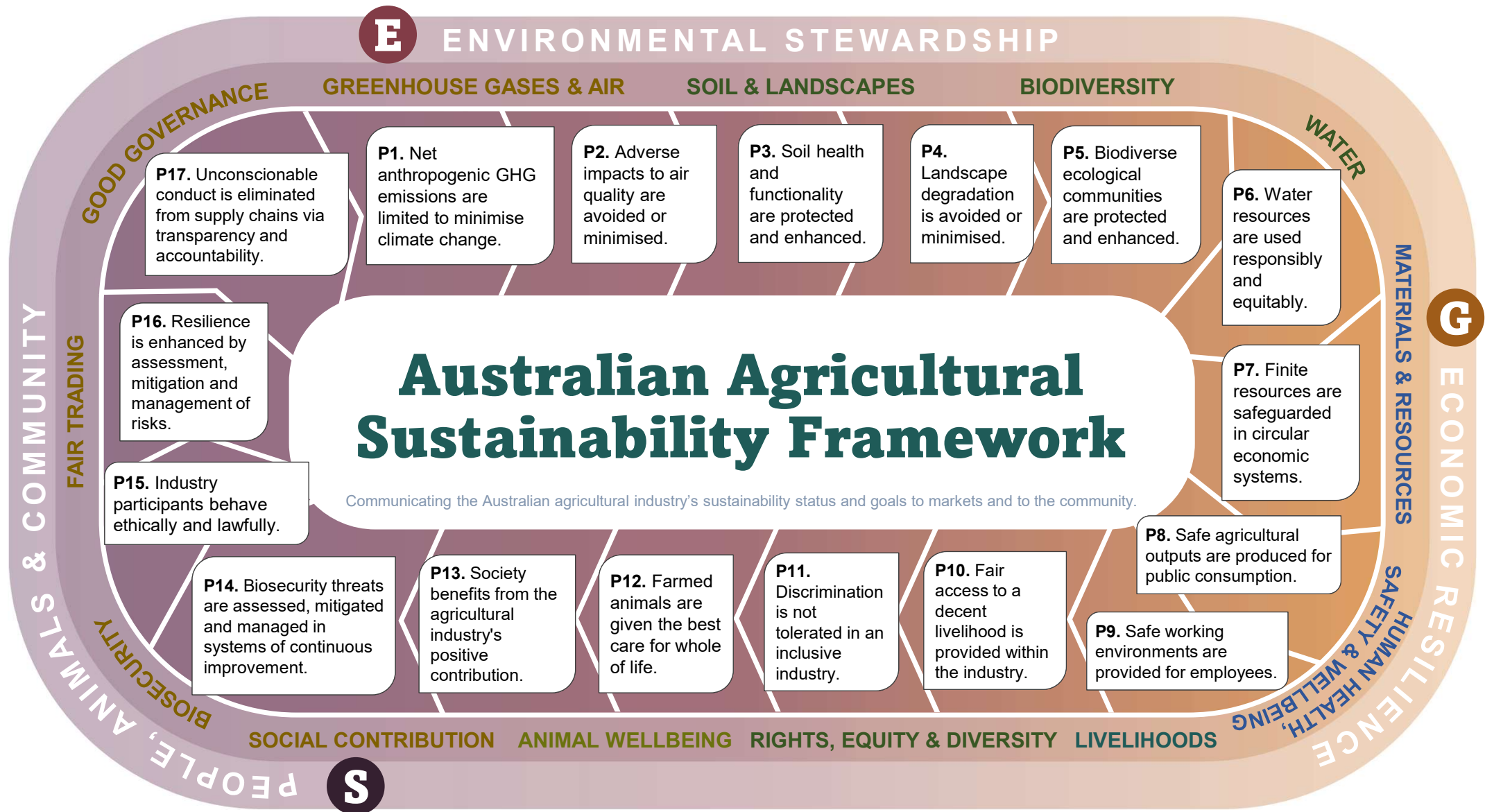

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MEAT & LIVESTOCK AUSTRALIA


FRDC
FISHERIES RESEARCH &
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION


LIVECORP
THE AUSTRALIAN LIVESTOCK
EXPORT CORPORATION


**AUSTRALIAN
Pork**


**Wine
Australia**





Opportunities & Leadership

- We can continue to push for the liberalisation of global trade in agricultural exports
- Collectively, we can work together with a shared voice for greater influence in agricultural negotiations more than any individual members could
- The Cairns Group remains committed to achieving free and fair trade in agriculture





Opportunities and Women in Agriculture





Opportunities & R&D

- Agricultural research is an international enterprise
- No single nation has all the expertise
- Collaborate and share R&D
- Tailor RD&E to environmental cultural and economic conditions – flexibility – no one size fits all





Opportunities & Innovation

Shaping the science of tomorrow

- Value chain and bioeconomy
- Predictive agriculture
- AI and machine learning
- Agrifood systems
- Networks



THANK YOU

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