



RED MEAT UPDATES

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28 July 2017

MLA consultation update – the
impact consultation is having on
R,D&A funding.

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SAMRC: Local producers guiding investment in RD&A

Producers:

- **Georgie Burbury:** Lamb production, Cressy, Tasmania
- **Ian Sauer:** Beef and sheep production, Pipers Brook, Tasmania
- **Peter Tyson:** Lamb, and cropping, Sassafras, Tasmania
- Three Gippsland producers

Researchers:

- Richard Ekhard: Melb. Uni
- Michael Stear: Latrobe University

State Government influencers

- Howard Nichol: Tasmania
- Darren Hickey: Gippsland



The SAMRC priorities:

1. Farm systems
2. Feedbase development
3. Supply chains
4. Extension — better adoption of existing knowledge
5. Animal productivity, health and welfare



The Red Meat Panel endorsed 18 RD&A projects valued at \$9.4m for **2016/17 MLA**

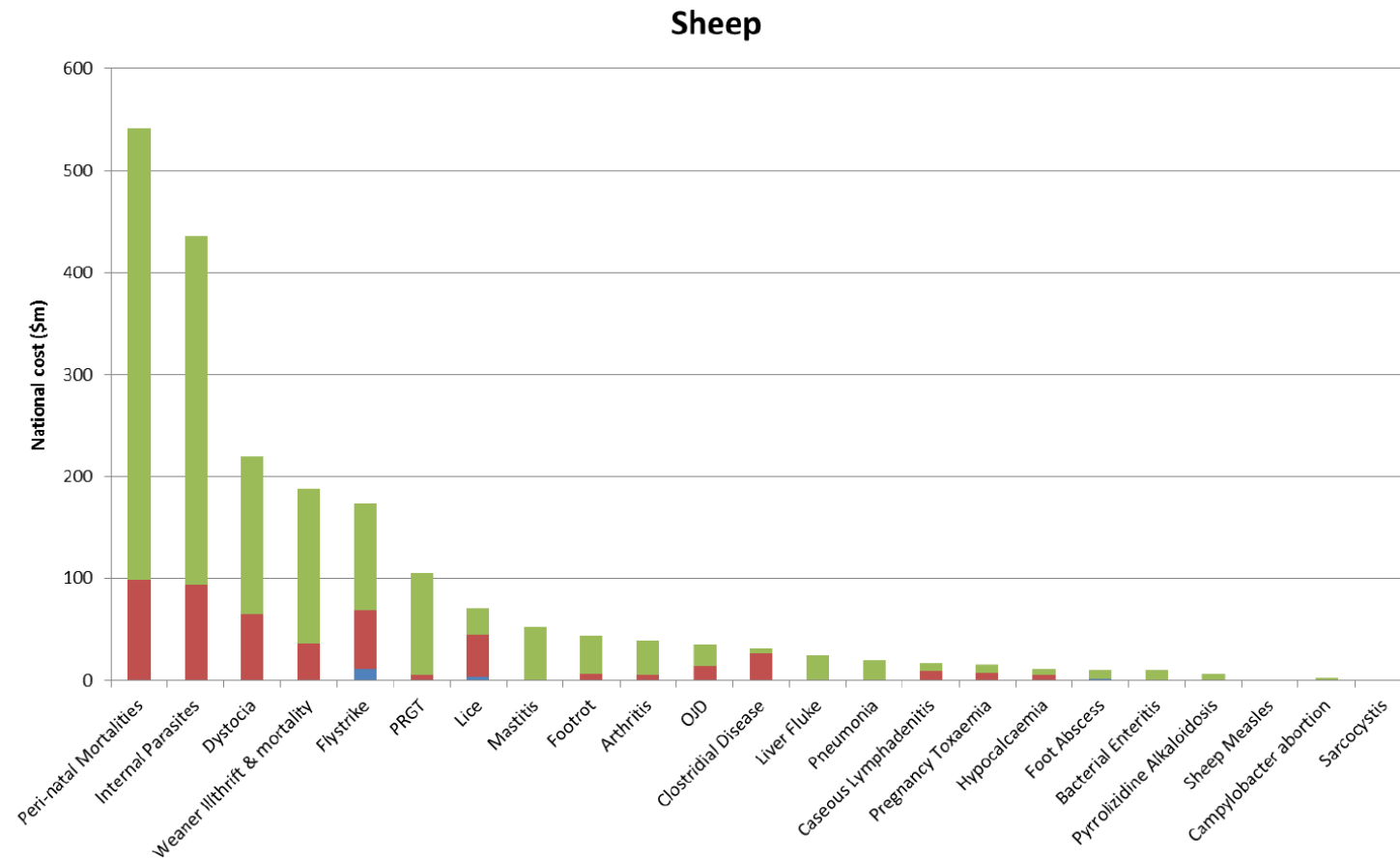
Sheep:

- Drench resistance and movement of Barber's pole worm
- Nematode control programs for sheep
- Improve disease control on farm for sheep producers

2017/18 – project just endorsed by Red Meat Panel



Financial impact of sheep health issues on industry



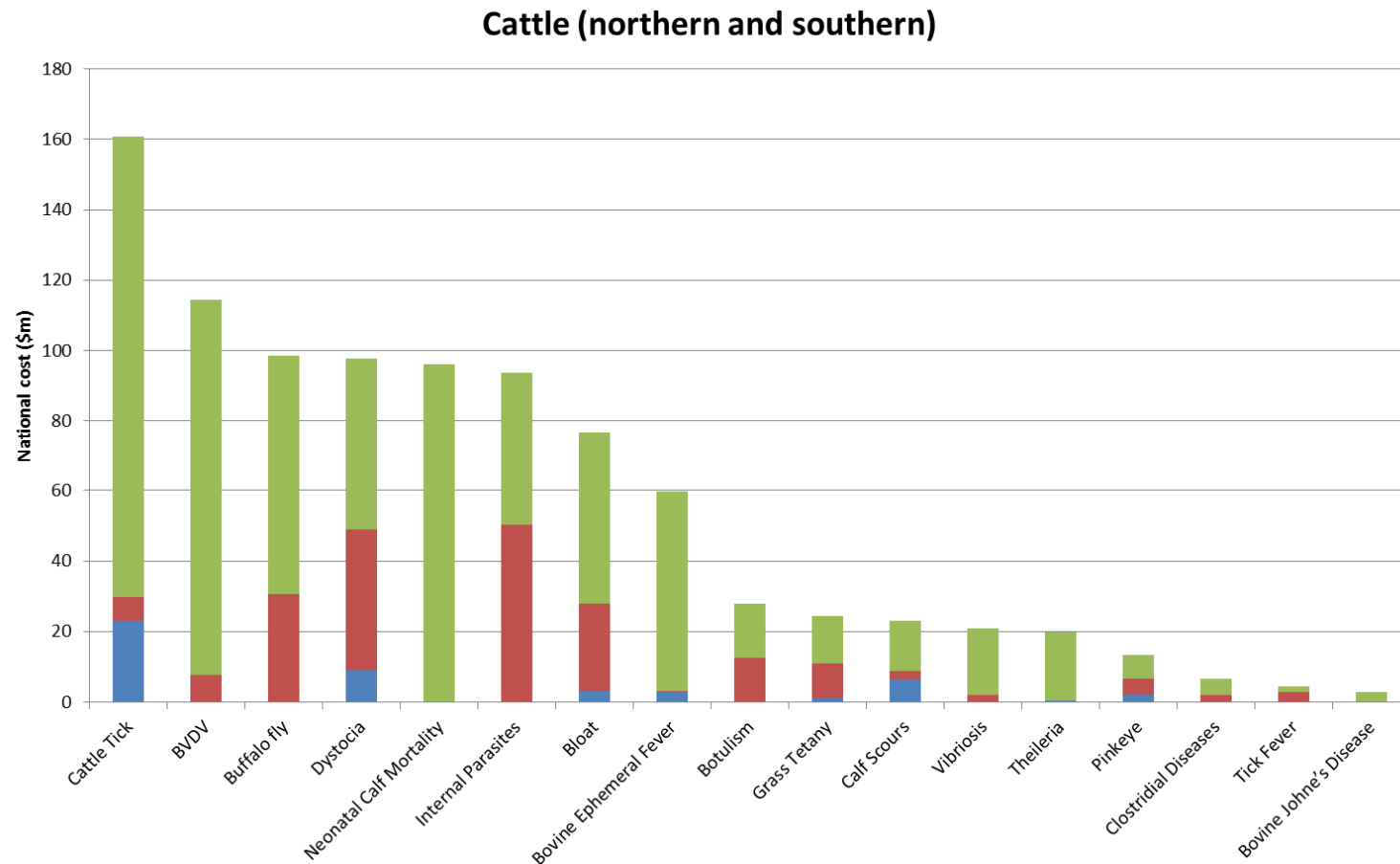
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Cattle

- A number of northern projects looking at tick and buffalo fly as well as rumen development and manipulation in young calves to lift lifetime production.
- Cattle worm information online with Paraboss, as exists for sheep production
- Impact of management on meat quality and efficacy of mg supplementation and mycotoxin binders to improve performance.



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Mixed farming

- Optimise profitability of mixed farming systems — cropping and livestock enterprises.
- Build capacity for research development and adoption that integrates crops and livestock — work exploring opportunities with GRDC.



Managing pests and weeds

- Feed supply and demand through total grazing pressure — managing wildlife — Rangelands
- Socially-acceptable PPA messages — develop messages from industry to ensure we can continue to manage pests



Great careers and great people

- Two projects mentoring agricultural students
- Focus on retaining professionals in red meat industry
- Creating an inclusive culture
- PLUS managing the changing climate — novel livestock and pasture adaptations for future climates.



Top three take-home messages

1. Producers having input at grassroots level to RD&A investment.
2. Direct input into around \$17m during past two years, as well as facilitated interaction with researchers in region.
3. Tasmanian representatives want to hear from you — where you see industry can make gains and any research needs.

Give us feedback: Grow Red Meat Profitability

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