I believe 2018 was one of our most challenging - there’s no upside to drought. Despite this, our customers remained resilient.

Some highlights were:

- 300 landholders attended feeding in dry times sessions
- 160 attended Stock Management Area courses - over 70 SMAs are currently being installed
- A practical feedlot seminar attracted 200 landholders
- A native tree giveaway saw 8,000 trees distributed for free to Riverina ratepayers
- Our veterinarian team conducted 450 on-farm visits. Diseases caused by drought conditions and issues triggered by supplementary feeding were prominent
- We secured over $400,000 of the $1.5 million available under the 2018 Pest and Weed Drought Funding Program
- An extensive aerial shoot in the western Riverina culled over 5,600 pests (including 4,750 feral pigs) across 750,000 hectares. We will now assist landholders with follow up control
- Our Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs) had over $1 million worth of upgrades including refurbishing stock watering points, upgrades to strategic holding yards, and the installation of telemetry to monitor water usage
- Livestock on TSRs can now be tracked in real time, thanks to the use of radio collars. This is a valuable tool for drovers and producers, and in the event of an emergency or biosecurity outbreak we will be able to locate mobs within minutes
- We successfully secured funding under the Australian Government’s National Landcare Program for four projects - Reviving Riverina’s Malleefowl, Paddocks for Plains-wanderers, Boosting the Bunyip Bird Yield (Australasian Bittern), and Farming Smarter - A soils project for the next generation. We look forward to keeping you updated on these over the next five years!

Reflecting on what was a trying but rewarding year, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all landholders, stakeholders and our staff. I look forward to another year of working together and I have my fingers crossed that Mother Nature is kinder to us in 2019.

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We actively manage 15,000 ha of TSRs, for biodiversity conservation, Aboriginal cultural heritage, and recreation.

More than 3,242 ha of land was managed for improved agricultural production.

We helped protect 622 ha of native vegetation through rehabilitation and enhancement.

We protected 4,011,000 ha of land against pest animals through coordinated baiting programs.

Over 9,660 ha of land was protected against regional priority weeds.

There were 220 agreements which helped grow and protect native vegetation through rehabilitation and enhancement.

Our staff helped protect and restore 40 kms of our rivers and estuaries through rehabilitation and enhancement.

There were 20 projects undertaken to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage and ecological communities.

Our vets and biosecurity officers conducted 466 on farm disease investigations.

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374 ha of significant species and endangered ecological communities were enhanced, rehabilitated and protected.
Our programs and partnerships grow farm productivity and healthy environments

Our services and partnerships play a vital role in helping to protect against pests, diseases and environmental threats

We connect our customers with the best services, advice and networks

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