

Introduction to the Rangeland NRM Alliance.

The National Rangeland NRM Alliance (The Alliance) combines thirteen (13) rangeland NRM organisations which represent 80% of Australia’s land mass. The Alliance aims to improve the delivery of NRM at a national level to improve sustainable land management in the rangelands of Australia.

The members see the Alliance as a solution to the difficulties associated with implementing large scale action across regional and jurisdictional boundaries. The driving force behind this group is the recognition that many rangeland issues require a national approach.

The combined resources of the Alliance provide investors, policy makers and partners with services beyond the scope of the individual organisations. This includes strategic planning and partnerships that result in much greater impact and the ability to tackle issues, which individual groups may find overwhelming and have difficulty managing in the long term. The Alliance members, and partners, use their existing governance and project implementation structures to achieve on-ground results at a national scale.

Members of the Rangelands NRM Alliance

13 Regional Natural Resource Management bodies are the members who work with a number of national partners to improve the productivity of the rangelands.

SA Arid Lands NRM Board	Southern Gulf Catchments	Northern Gulf Resource Management Group
SA Murray Darling NRM Board	Western CMA	Cape York NRM Group
Alinytjara Wilurara NRM Board	Central West CMA	Fitzroy Basin Association
Desert Channels Queensland	South West NRM	
Territory NRM	WA Rangelands NRM	

The Australian Rangeland Initiative

The Australian Rangelands Initiative (ARI) has been developed to provide guidance for the ongoing management and protection of the natural resources of Australia’s rangelands. The Initiative is a blueprint that provides a basis for the long term investment by Government, industry, communities and producers in these natural resources. The National Rangeland NRM Alliance together with industry, agencies and communities have compiled this document.

It is aimed to demonstrate that the maintenance or improvement in rangeland health is an issue of national importance. The ARI is a blueprint for long term investment by Government, industry, communities and producers in these natural resources. It is a comprehensive approach, recognising that the rangelands, with inherent links between economic productivity, biodiversity, social and financial issues, need to be seen and approached in an integrated manner.

The ARI will deliver in two key areas:

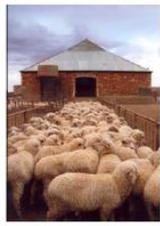
1. Building the National Rangelands Agenda

Creating a national awareness of the importance of Australia’s rangelands for sustainable agriculture

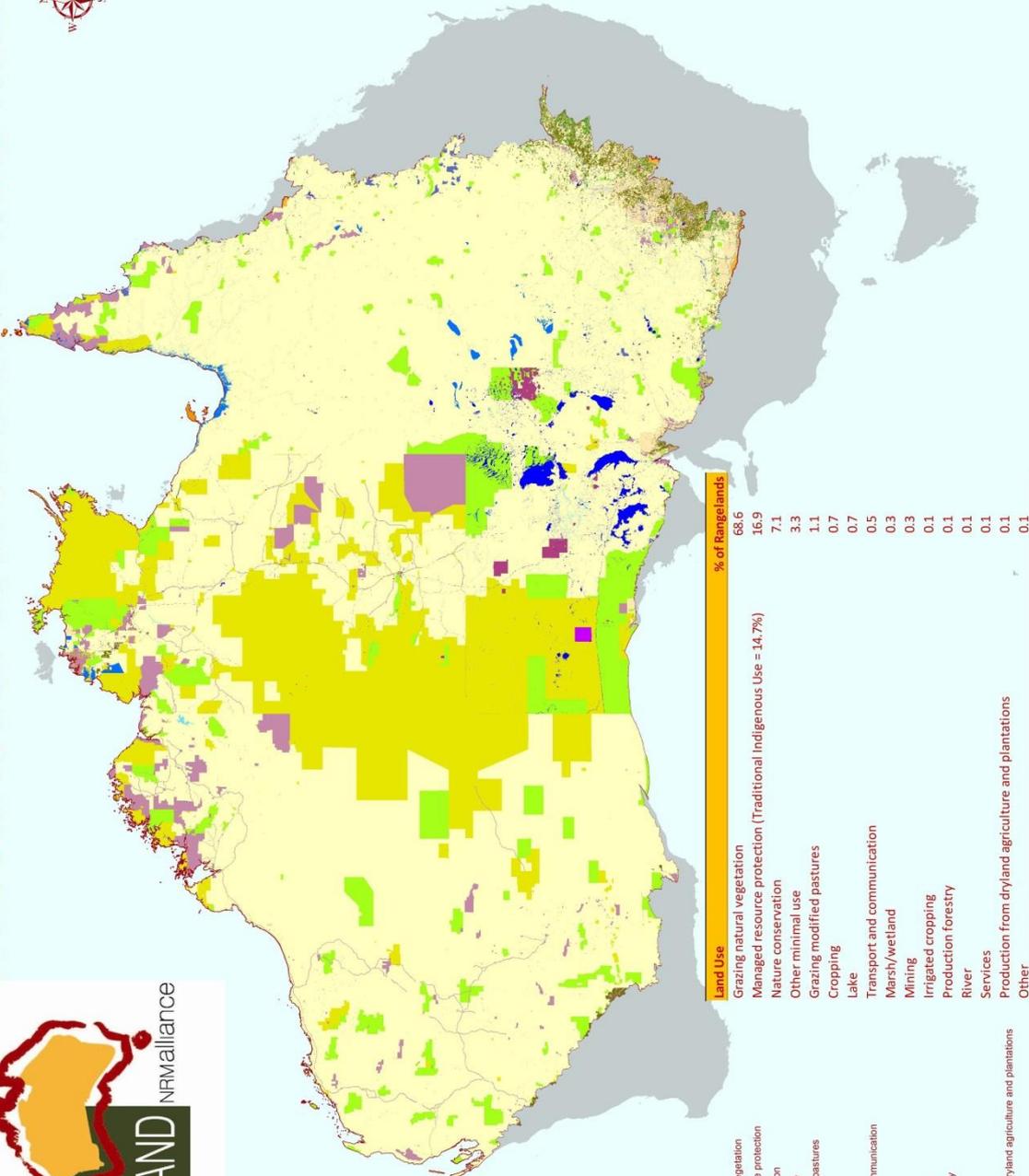
2. Ground Cover

Develop programs for improving ground cover and pasture productivity across the extent of the Australian rangelands. Implement appropriate monitoring, evaluation and reporting for rangeland groundcover, drought indicators and environmental accounting systems.

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Land Use	% of Rangelands
Grazing natural vegetation	68.6
Managed resource protection (Traditional Indigenous Use = 14.7%)	16.9
Nature conservation	7.1
Other minimal use	3.3
Grazing modified pastures	1.1
Cropping	0.7
Lake	0.7
Transport and communication	0.5
Marsh/wetland	0.3
Mining	0.3
Irrigated cropping	0.1
Production forestry	0.1
River	0.1
Services	0.1
Production from dryland agriculture and plantations	0.1
Other	0.1

