Policy and Planning
Application of SEEA for policy and planning
Issues and lessons from Australia

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Australia has a long history of experimenting with SEEA:

- We have established accounts that we produce annually
  - Energy
  - Water
  - Land
- Experimental accounts that we are piloting
  - Experimental Ecosystem Account for the Great Barrier Reef
  - SEEA Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- And accounts that we have undertaken as test cases
  - Including environmental protection, waste and minerals
Long history but not extensive evidence of policy application

**National Approach to environmental reporting 2017**

**LESSON:** “build it and they will come” is not necessarily the case for SEEA

**LESSON:** need to progress many strategies at the same time to increase application

**LESSON:** decision making process will continue with or without SEEA
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LESSON: different approach for different audiences

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Gross value of Australia's agricultural production

Holy cow! We've got a lot of cattle and sheep! There are now more than 45,000 sheep in Can...