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ABARES release national ACLUMP reports

Reports released today by ABARES provide a clear strategic direction for national land use and land management information in Australia.

Land Use and Land Management Information for Australia: Workplan of the Australian Collaborative Land Use and Management Program focuses on how investment in national land use and land management information will support decision makers in the government and private sectors.

The second report, *Status of Land Management Practices: Activities of the Australian Collaborative Land Use Management Program* discusses the need for a land use information system that can be used widely by governments, industry, regional and other stakeholders to provide consistent information products and services.

The reports have been prepared by state, territory and national agencies responsible for land use and land management practices information, and ensure that readily available and nationally consistent spatial land use and land management information is available to help in land resource accounting and decision-making.

These agencies are partners in the Australian Collaborative Land Use and Management Program (ACLUMP), which promotes the development and use of nationally consistent land use and land management practices information.

Land use and land management information is essential in responding effectively to emerging natural resource management challenges, including climate change mitigation and adaptation and water management. Without this information, sustainable agricultural production progress and natural resources use cannot be demonstrated.

Information on land management practices is assembled by government agencies, research institutions, community groups and industry.

However, in the absence of an agreed approach for describing, organising and sharing the data, it is difficult to compile land management information in the way it is needed for tracking progress.

The documents are supported by all jurisdictions and will be implemented by the ACLUMP agency partners. They are available from www.abares.gov.au/publications. The ACLUMP website can be found at www.abares.gov.au/landuse.

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