The Common National Approach to Environmental Economic Accounting

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The Common National Approach
How was it developed?

- Collaboratively developed by the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, and the ABS.
- Released at the Meeting of Environment Ministers in April 2018.
The Common National Approach
What is the rationale?

• Improved consistency in reporting across Australia.
• Stronger links for decision makers between social, economic and environmental outcomes.
• Better informed decision making and environmental management actions.
• Coordinated effort and efficient use of resources.
The Common National Approach
What are the initial priorities?

Multi-asset / Multi-landscape Accounts
- Condition
- Services
- Biodiversity
- Soil
- Forests

National Land and Waste Accounts

Jurisdictional level ecosystem accounts
- State scale accounts
- Biodiversity account
- Land account

Jurisdictional level ecosystem accounts
- Western Sydney Strategic Assessment
- Farm / enterprise / NRM scale
Application and engagement
Potential use cases within the Department

Strategic Assessment under the EPBC Act

Environment Protection And Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS

National Landcare Program

Australia State of the Environment Overview 2016