

Grazing BMP

Best Management Practices

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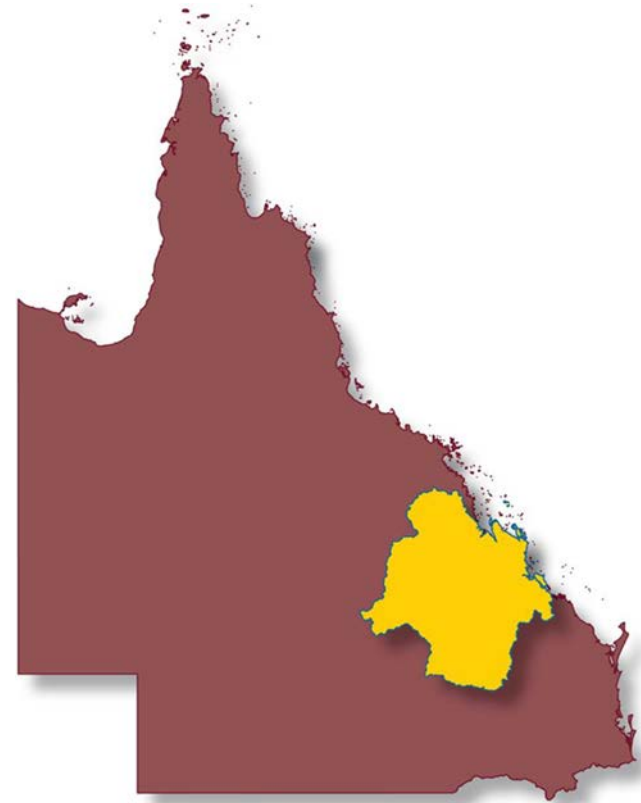
Grazing Best Management Practice

A Short history...

Grazing BMP is a Fitzroy Basin Association (NRM) initiative that commenced in 2009

FBA is a reef catchment and the largest beef region in Australia

Funding is provided by the Queensland and Australian Governments



Grazing BMP Partnership

Key industry stakeholder partnership...

Fitzroy Basin Association:

NRM engagement and program management, devolution of funding

Queensland Department of Agriculture:

Module development. technical integrity and grazing industry extension

AgForce (Industry organisation)

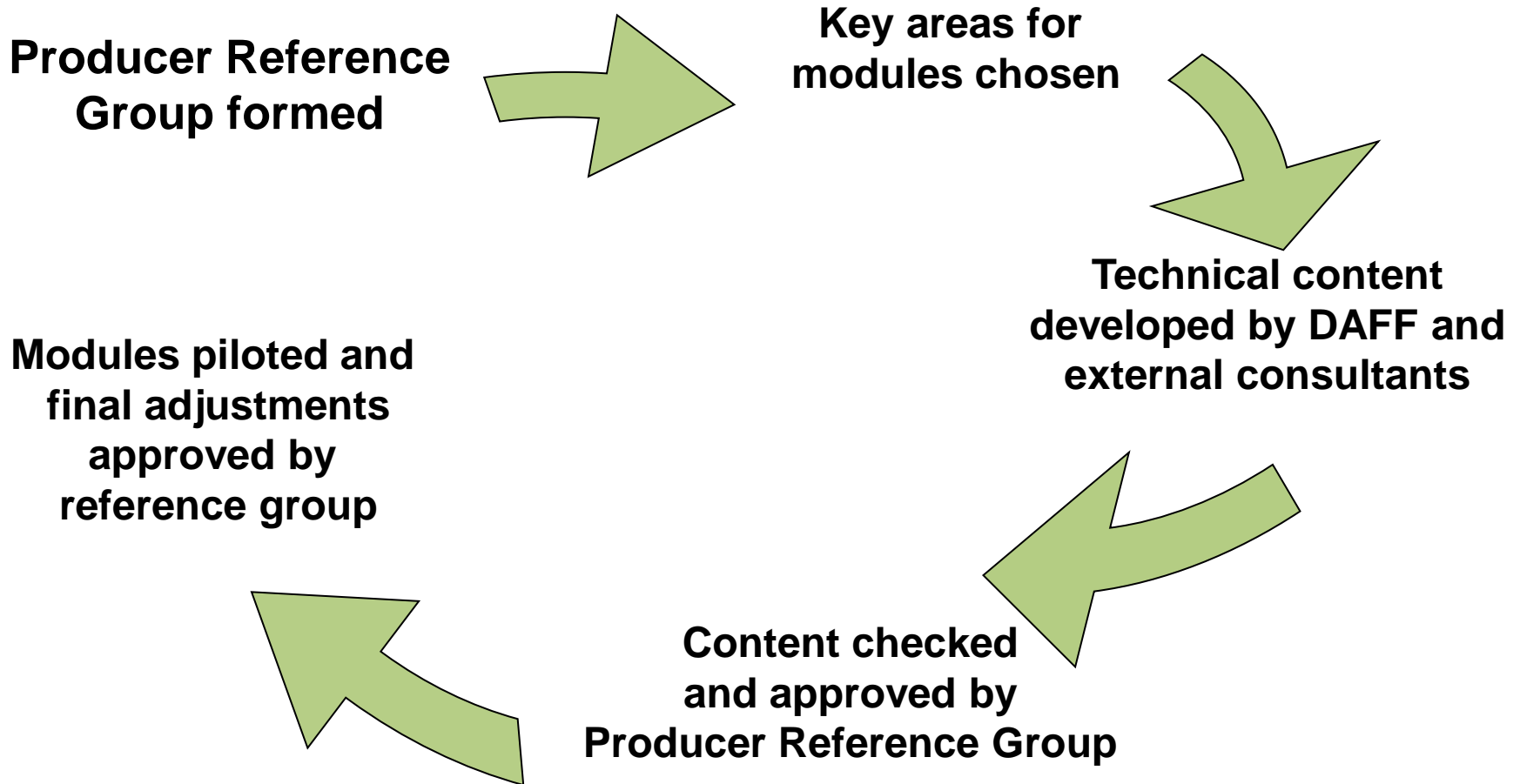
Policy development and advocacy, industry engagement and reporting, and data storage, management and security

What is Grazing BMP?

Voluntary, industry led program

- *Assists graziers to identify practices to enhance profitability and sustainability*
- *Helps identify the steps for graziers to incorporate best management practices into their business*
- *Provides industry practice data to demonstrate sound management practices to consumers and the community*

A producer driven process




5 Modules

- **Soil Health (13 Standards)**
- **Grazing Land Management (32 standards)**
- **Animal Health and Welfare (37 standards)**
- **Animal Production (35 standards)**
- **People and Business (35 standards)**



Up-coming Events [\(see more\)](#)

-  [24 September 2013](#)
Middlemount BMP Workshop
-  [08 October 2013](#)
Nebo Workshop
-  [15 October 2013](#)
Emerald Workshop

Grazing BMP Modules

- [Animal Health and Welfare](#)
- [Animal Production](#)
- [People and Business](#)
- [Grazing Land Management](#)
- [Soil Health](#)

Recent Blogs

- [03 July 2013](#)
Online guide boost for Burdekin graziers
- [03 July 2013](#)
AgForce Projects
- [03 July 2013](#)
Grazing BMP forum in Bogie

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What is Grazing BMP ?

The Grazing BMP program is a voluntary, industry led process which helps graziers to identify improved practices which can help improve the long term profitability of their enterprise. It also helps identify the steps you need to take to incorporate best management practices into your enterprise.

In time it will also allow the grazing industry to demonstrate good environmental management to the wider community.

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Participation *up to December 2013.....*

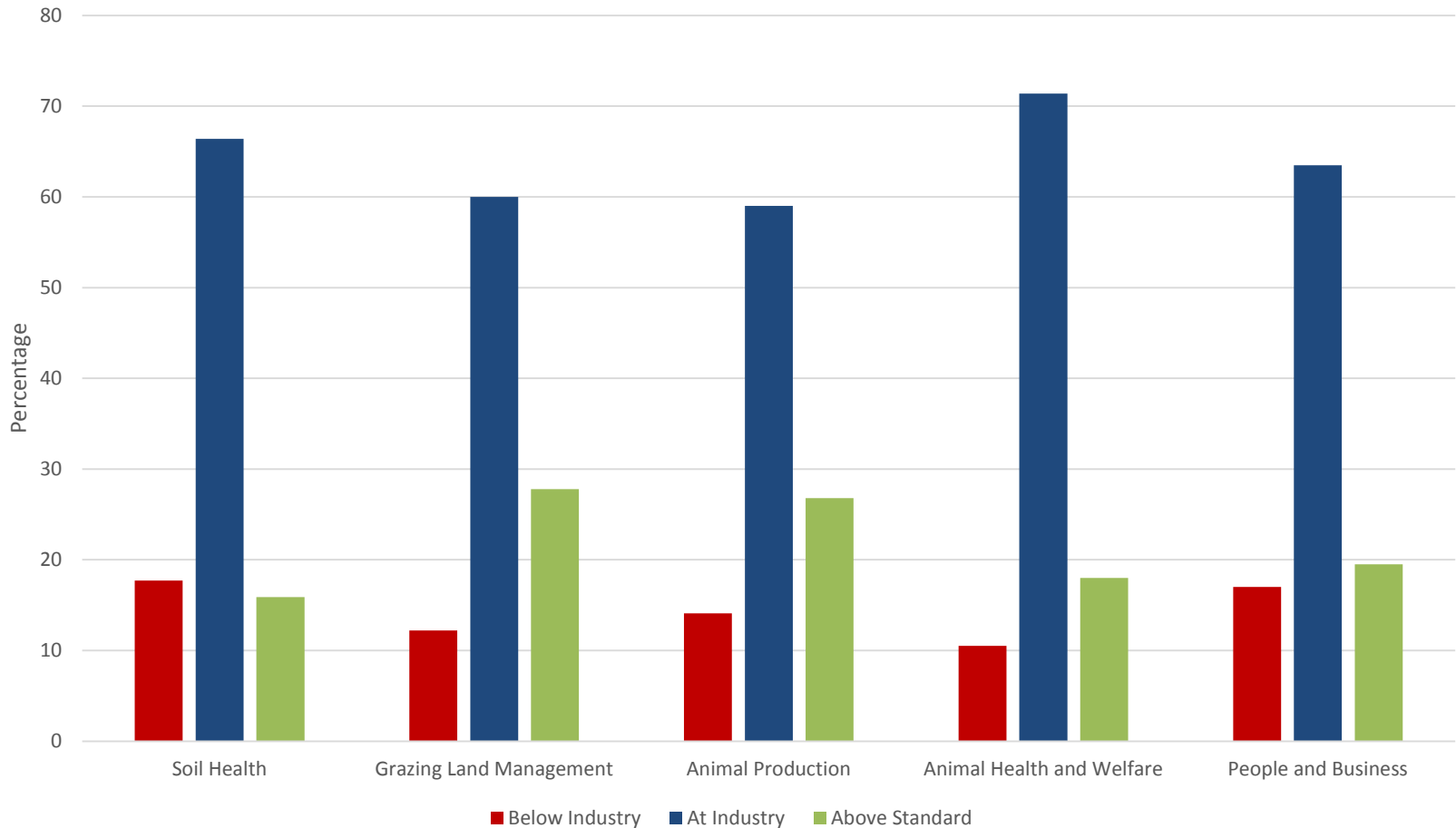
Catchment	Grazing Businesses	Modules Completed
Fitzroy*	386	1044
Burdekin**	82	339
Other Qld Catchments	49	142

*Total 3083 graziers (ABS)

** Total 772 graziers



Percentage of businesses by management practice standard across modules



Reporting Industry Data

- All graziers who complete a module are provided with a password that allows them to complete the module
- Individual information is confidential
- There is the opportunity to report industry data in an aggregated manner
- It allows the grazing industry to demonstrate sound environmental and ethical practices

Why do we require a Grazing BMP?

How will Grazing BMP assist the grazing industry?



Identify and act on opportunities to fine tune business performance.

Identify evolving legal obligations and expectation.

Demonstrate to the broader community our world leading industry.

Bring the industry into line with other primary industries.

Grazing BMP Assurance Strategy

- A Grazing BMP Certification and Audit Assurance Strategy has been developed
- A voluntary independent audit of graziers who have completed five modules is offered
- Focused on sustainable and ethical production standards
- Grazing Best Management Practice Accredited Producer endorsement by the Program
- Currently exploring supply chain opportunities

Grazing BMP *opportunities*

Benchmark and improve performance across the grazing business

Substantiate industry input and reporting to influence policy, research, industry support (extension) and consumers

Respond to the supply chain and consumer demands



Questions....



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