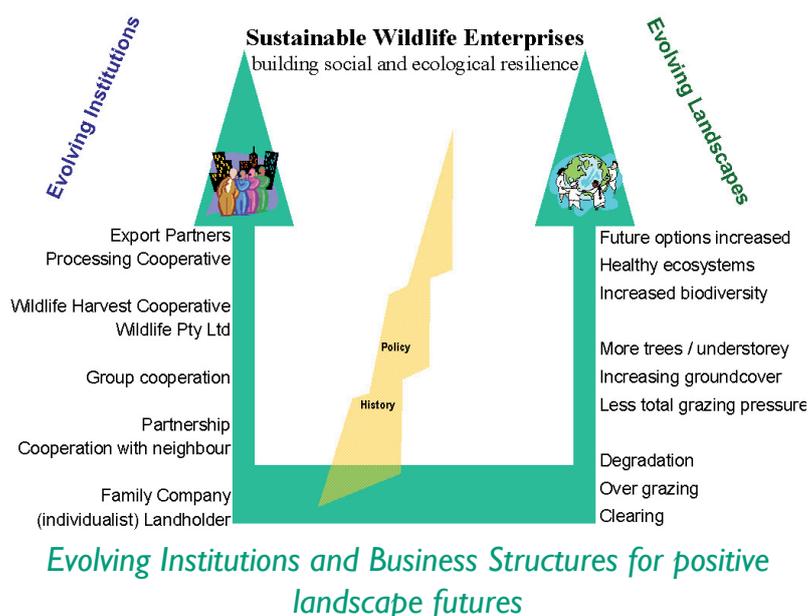


Structures for Wildlife Enterprises

A scoping to examine the most appropriate and effective organisational structures to be trialled in the proposed new wildlife management conservancies program of RIRDC. The program aims to develop and trial wildlife enterprises in a "learning by doing" approach, probably at cross-property scales for the purposes of improved land management and biodiversity outcomes.

A key requirement for collective resource management is development of mutual trust, and understanding which facilitates cooperation. Over time, improved sustainability might include increased social capital (community cohesion and trust for making joint decisions). Wildlife enterprise arrangements will evolve with time and place, and with positive change in landscape ecological indicators (providing feed back and additional incentives to landholders). Accordingly, types of wildlife enterprises and forms of business structures will need time to develop. It is most likely that wildlife enterprises will develop from an individual level with neighbours, through to other partners and then formation of collective groups. This process could at least partially follow positive changes within and across properties at a landscape scale. Indeed just as human activities based on past policies have shaped Australian landscapes since settlement, the evolving institutional arrangements for wildlife industries having positive environmental benefits may also follow an evolutionary path towards more resilient social-ecological systems of the future.

The enterprises themselves are likely to change or new endeavours added to the business. Some processing or value adding might become an interest of some producer groups themselves; or, by a separate, but still local group – a nested arrangement building further on community social capital.



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