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**Title: Cattle, carbon, critters and culture – building a new rangelands**

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**Abstract:**

The current pastoral leases in WA are only for the purpose of grazing livestock. New tenures post 2015 may allow a wide range of land uses including livestock production, carbon offsets, biodiversity offsets and cultural uses. The challenge will be to integrate these new land uses into pastoral properties so as to capture the synergies from multiple enterprises in ways that strengthens the economic, environmental and social resilience of the rangelands. The ESRM process is being used to develop several stations in the Pilbara as pilots to demonstrate a new vision of land use that creates value from cattle production, carbon offsets, natural biodiversity and traditional indigenous culture.