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# **Presentation to Select Equities**

Attached is a presentation delivered today by Elders' Managing Director and CEO Mark Allison to Select Equities - Doing Business in China conference.

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# Agenda

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- Eight Point Plan
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#### Elders Profile



Iconic Australian agribusiness company



178 years old



2,000 employees



440 points of presence in Australia, Indonesia, Vietnam and China



Servicing over 40,000 primary producers across Australia and international markets



#### Our Business Model

Retail **Products** 

**Agency Services**  **Real Estate Services** 

**Financial Services** 

**Digital & Technical Services** 

Feed & **Processing Services** 









Grain















Farm Supplies

Fertiliser

629k tonnes fertiliser

Livestock

Wool

Farmland

Residential

Management Property

Franchise

Agri Finance

Insurance

Fee for Service

Weather

Auctions Plus (50%) Elders Weather

Killara Feedlot

Elders Indonesia

Elders China

\$1b retail sales

9.0m head sheep

1.6m head cattle

367k wool bales

0.4m grain tonnes

\$889m Farmland sales

\$568m Residential sales

6,950 Properties under management

134 franchisees

\$2.8b loan book \*

\$1.5b deposit book \*

\$44m StockCo book \*

\$610m gross written premium \*

\* Principal positions are held by Rural Bank, StockCo and Elders Insurance (QBE subsidiary) respectively

**Auctions** 578k head Plus sheep 93k head cattle Elders 64.4m hits

Killara 53k head 16k head Indonesia China \$15m sales

## Eight Point Plan

Our strategic vision for becoming an efficient user of capital and a business that generates returns

for its stakeholders

VALUES, PERFORMANCE & BRAND

To deliver our plans through a values, safety and performance based culture that optimises the iconic Elders brand and positioning RETAIL PRODUCTS

To deliver profitable and capital light growth of our retail products portfolio with an enhanced customer benefit and experience AGENCY SERVICES

To deliver profitable growth of the agency services portfolio through business improvement, recruitment and acquisition for our livestock and wool businesses and through focused growth of our grain business

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REAL ESTATE SERVICES

To deliver profitable growth of the real estate services portfolio through driving business improvement, recruitment and acquisition for all real estate services

STRATEGIC INTENT:

To achieve a sustainable
EBIT and 20% ROC by 2020,
by providing value creating
products and services
both in Australia and
internationally

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FINANCIAL SERVICES

To deliver profitable growth of the financial services portfolio through business improvement, product development and upstream investment in our financial services businesses

DIGITAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES

To grow our digital and technical services, expand our knowledge of customer needs, deliver markets to customers, to enable our customers to increase productivity and leverage Elders digital capability to expand customer base and build brand

FEED &
PROCESSING
SERVICES

To deliver continuous improvement in EBIT and ROC for all businesses with active portfolio composition management COST & CAPITAL EFFICIENCY & GROWTH

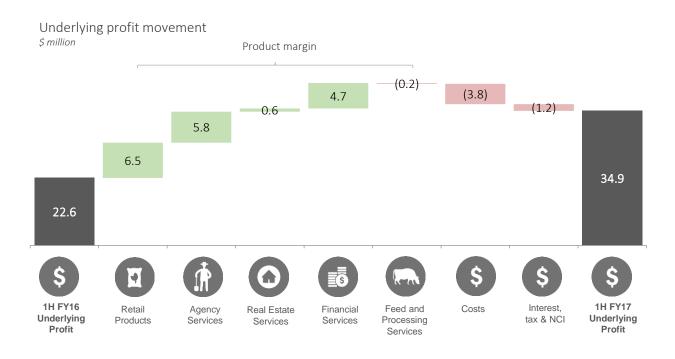
To deliver ongoing innovative efficiency gains through business improvement and drive sustainable growth through business development

# FY17 Half Year Financial Performance

\$ million	1H FY17		Change	111 FV1 C
		\$m	%	1H FY16
Sales revenue	698.2	83.2	14%	615.0
Underlying EBIT	41.3	13.2	47%	28.1
Underlying profit after tax	34.9	12.3	54%	22.6
Reported profit after tax	38.3	13.7	56%	24.6
Net debt	170.4	44.4	35%	126.0
Operating cash flow	(5.3)	19.2	138%	13.9
Average working capital	235.5	8.0	4%	227.5
Underlying return on capital (%)	30%	4%	15%	26%
Underlying earnings per share (cents)	29.7	10.6	55%	19.1

# Performance by Product

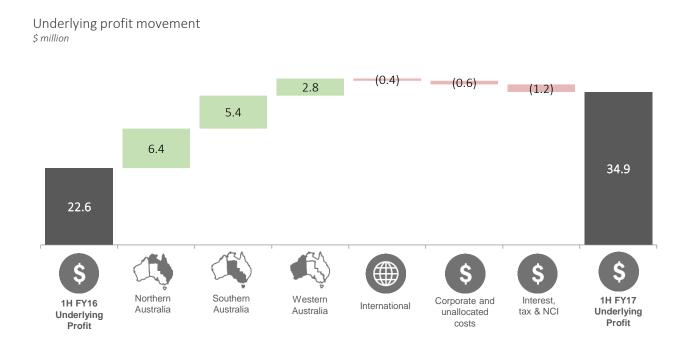
#### Margin improvement across product range



- Retail benefited from improved summer cropping conditions and geographical expansion
- Agency uplift with continued strong livestock prices and benefit from footprint growth
- Real Estate earnings improved with high farm land property turnover
- Financial Services boosted by StockCo and Elders Insurance acquisitions
- High input costs continue to adversely impact the overseas Feed and Processing businesses
- Higher costs to drive Eight Point Plan initiatives, including acquisitions and footprint growth
- Tax and non-controlling interests higher due to improved performance in partnerships

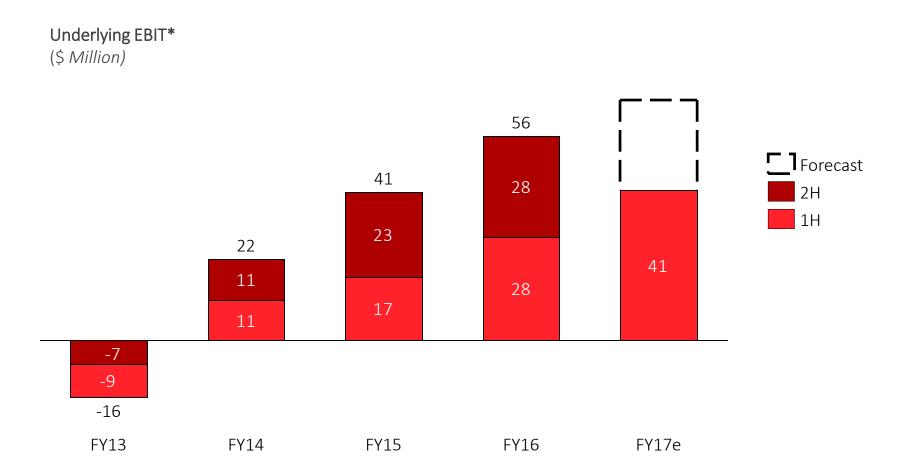
# Performance by Geography

Improvement across Australian business units, headwinds for international segment



- Northern Australia benefitted from high cattle prices, normalised summer retail performance, and upside from geographical expansion
- Southern Australia performance driven by retail improvements and acquisitions, along with livestock agency upside from both high cattle prices and footprint expansion
- Western Australia improvement through higher livestock agency earn and increased farm land real estate sales
- High input costs continue to adversely impact the International margins
- Higher corporate and unallocated costs from increased incentives resulting from improved profitability across the business
- Tax and non-controlling interests higher due to improved performance in Australian partnerships

# **Elders Financial Progress**



<sup>\*</sup>Note: Excluding live export

# An efficient user of capital, generating higher returns on investment

- Implemented a disciplined and methodical approach to capital allocation and management
- Generating a return on capital in excess of 20%
- Underlying return on capital drivers:
  - Increased profitability of the Retail business
  - Continued strong Agency earnings, particularly Livestock, which requires minimal working capital
  - Reallocation of capital to parts of business with higher earnings

#### Underlying Return on Capital\*



#### **Working Capital**

\$ million	Mar-16	Mar-17	Change
Retail Products	119.3	134.9	13%
Agency Services	30.2	64.2	113%
Financial Services	(1.5)	5.6	Nm
Feed & Processing Services	48.4	54.8	13%
Live Export Services	45.1	8.1	-82%
Other	(35.4)	(36.0)	-2%
Working capital (balance date)	206.1	231.6	12%
Working capital (average)	227.5	235.5	4%

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Excludes Live Export

# Progress on FY17 Priorities

#### Delivering our promises to stakeholders

#### Safety Performance

- Lost time injuries increase to 5 from 2, target is zero LTIs
- LTI frequency rate at 1.7
- 50% decrease in days lost, March
   2017 year to date
- Risk based decision making training developed
- Continued emphasis on employee and community health and wellbeing

# Operational Performance

- \$41.3m underlying EBIT, up \$13.2m on last year
- Underlying ROC at 30.2%, up from 26.4% at March 2016
- Retail ROC improved from 13.3% to 22.2%
- Leverage ratio steady at 2.3
- Interest cover ratio improved from 7.9 to 8.2
- On track to resume ordinary dividends for FY17

#### Key Relationships

- Strengthened relationships in aligned financial service providers
- Continue to work with retail key suppliers, including improved position in WA fertiliser market
- Expanded digital client offerings
- Formalised rural charitable partnerships through launch of "Elders Give It"
- Continue to engage with key agricultural research bodies

# Efficiency and Growth

- Continue to drive branch efficiency improvement program
- Real Estate footprint expansion in Western Australia
- Driving organic growth through improving sales force performance and attracting high performers
- Further 10% acquisition of Elders Insurance
- 30% acquisition of StockCo
- Structured review process of capital and cost initiatives
- Realisation of all hybrids resulting in a simplified capital structure

#### Balanced Growth Plan to FY20

# Organic 50%

- Drive continuous business improvement
- Capture growth opportunities across our product and services portfolio
- Explore opportunities to expand our offering and leverage the Elders brand into new markets to capture new clients and customers
- Continuously drive and resource values based leadership through the organisation
- Investment in the development of our leaders and people
- Build deeper understanding of our customers to deliver profitable value add products and services

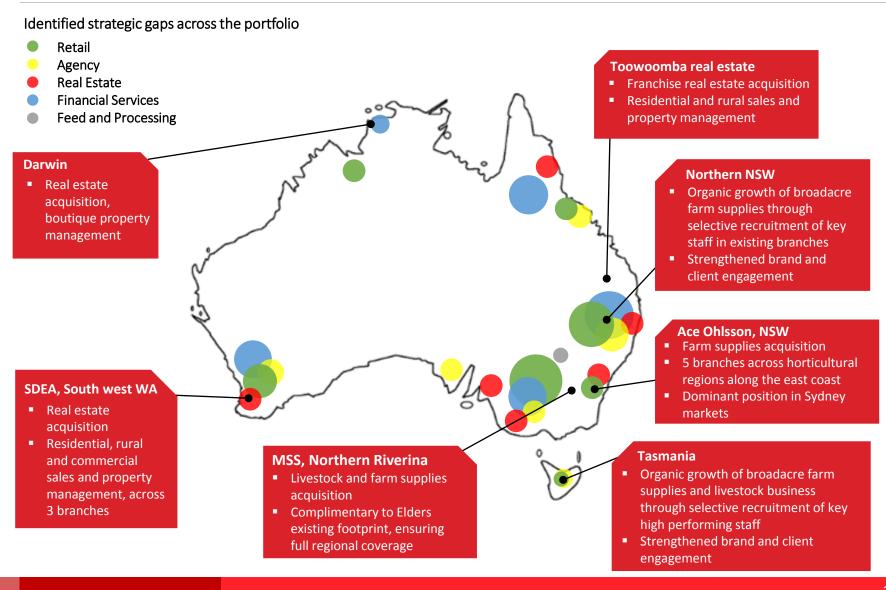
# Acquisition 50%

- Continue to evaluate strategically aligned opportunities to expand our business
- Identify innovative solutions to target geographical and strategic gaps
- Maintain a disciplined approach to ensure acquisitions meet required financial hurdles
- Reallocation of capital from nonperforming assets will occur if financial and quality targets are not met

# Cost 0%

- Investment in resourcing to identify, integrate and support both organic and acquisition growth opportunities
- Efficiency gains through active cost management
- Reallocation and reduction of unproductive costs
- Develop and implement improved processes and approaches
- Maintain robust and conservative financial discipline

# Increased geographical coverage with strategic growth across our retail, agency and real estate portfolios



### Feed and Processing Services

Our Feed and Processing Services portfolio aims to be an integrated red meat supply chain for the distribution of premium meat to customers throughout Australia and Asia. It leverages the power of the Elders brand and network to value add from the producers to consumers.



Elders branded meat portfolio







#### China Profile



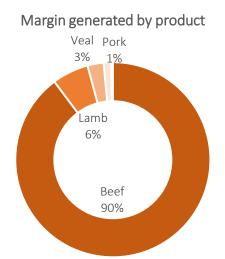


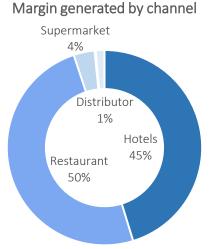


- Established presence in 5 locations
- Expansion into Vietnam underway
- Distributes premium quality meat from Australia with supply chain integrity
- Targets high-end food service channels (food chains, hotels and restaurants)
- Meat processing facility in Shanghai for portion-controlled steaks and manufacture hamburgers and sausages

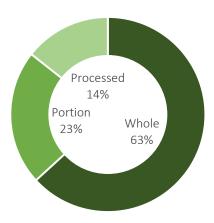


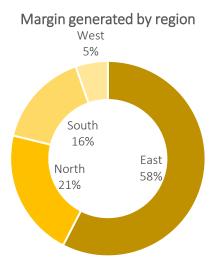
#### Elders China Business Model











- Operates without a Chinese partner
- Organically grown business
- Supplies to premium Western owned and operated hotels and restaurants
- Business dominated by beef products in different forms
- Diversification in regions across
   China, with greater significance in
   East (Shanghai) and North (Beijing)
   due to length of presence,
   population and urbanisation

# Elders China Key Learnings

- Commit for the long term: Elders' brand presence in China has been built over 12 years and now
  has a strong reputation for quality in industry
- Focus on core competency: Elders turnaround came after a decision to focus on core products and functions through discontinuing non-core segments and outsourcing non-core functions
- Develop long term partnerships: Develop anchor customer and supplier relationships to maintain competitive advantage
- Create replicable business model: A simple business model can allow expansion of business whilst leveraging on fixed core functions
- Watch out for growing pains: Rapid geographic growth needs to be carefully managed to ensure profitability and return disciplines remain
- Invest in the business: Expect to invest time and effort to develop and manage an overseas business which has challenges that are not supported by Australian functions due to sovereign laws

## Summary

- On track to complete Eight Point Plan FY17 commitments
  - Zero term debt
  - \$60m EBIT (through the cycles)
  - 20% ROC (through the cycles)
  - Capital structure simplified (preference share resolution)
  - Investor grade and dividend paying by FY17
- Established stable platform for growth
- Targeting consistent and quality 5-10% EBIT growth at a minimum of 20% ROC through to FY20
- Drive and enhance the development of our digital and technical service capabilities
- Remain agile and flexible to take advantage of, and fully optimise industry rationalisation and consolidation opportunities



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