

Sustainability Indicators for cotton

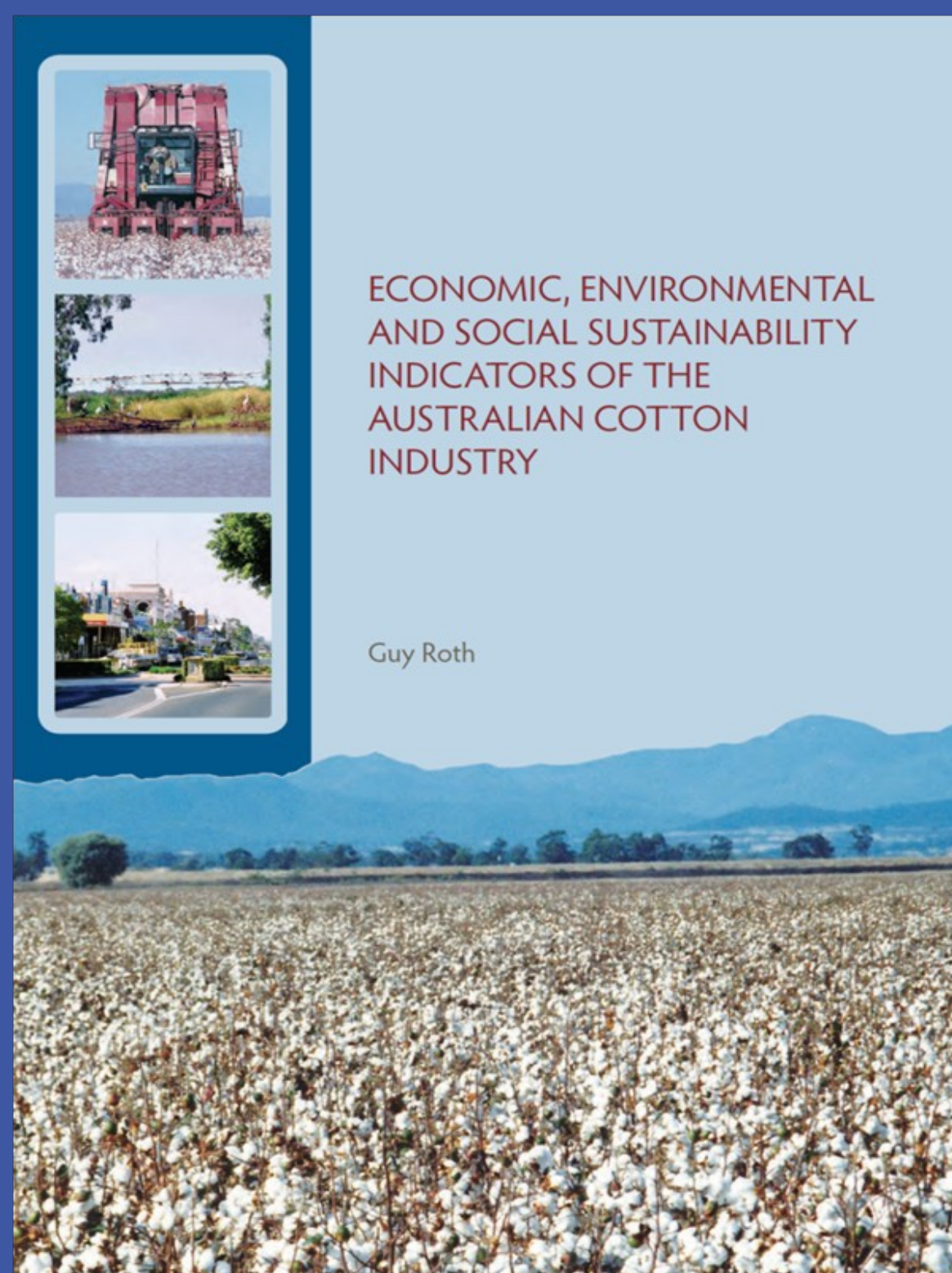
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The Cotton Industry needs to demonstrate that its practices are sustainable (and communicate this to the community and government).

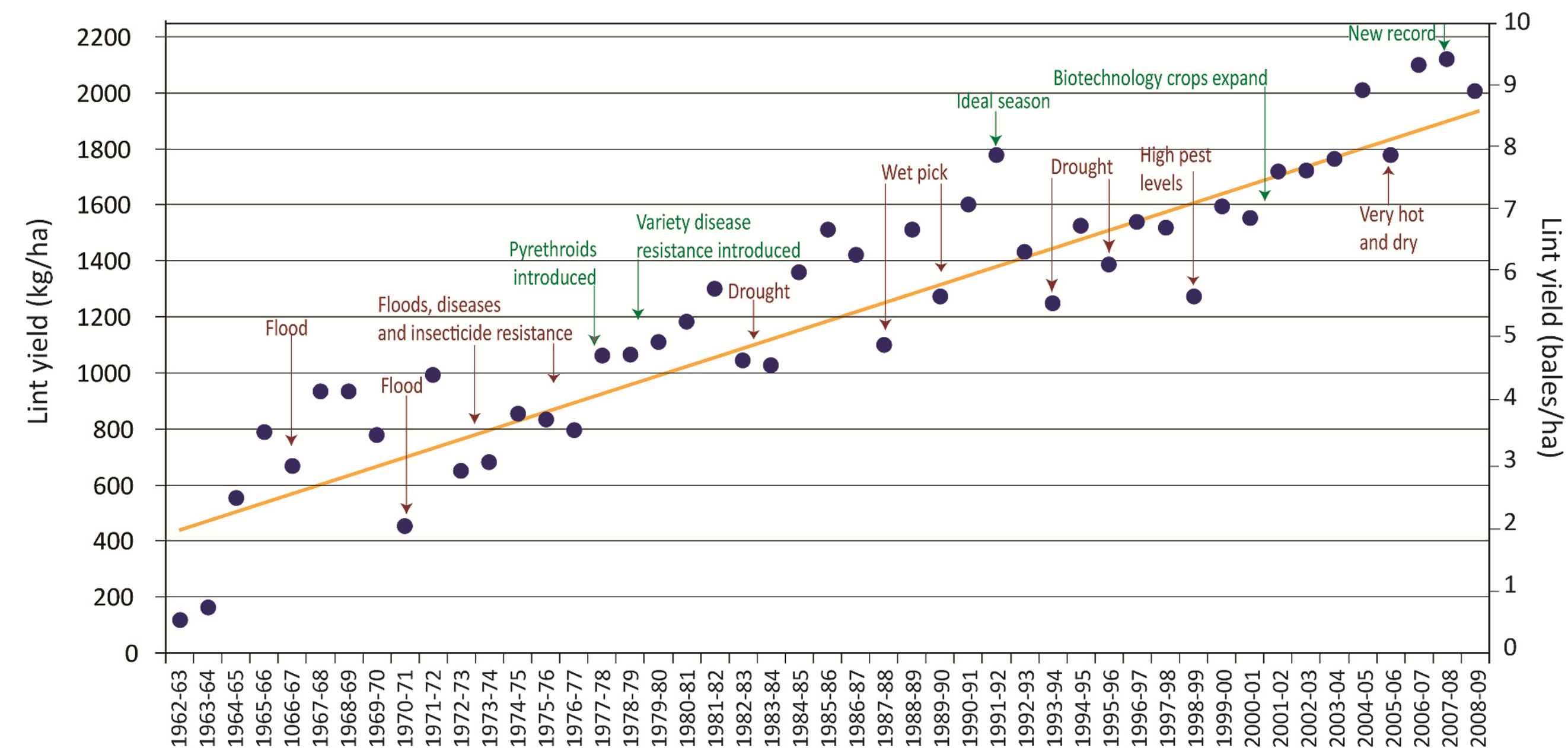
Sustainability involves an understanding of economic, environmental and social attributes.

This project compiles these attributes into a one stop shop.

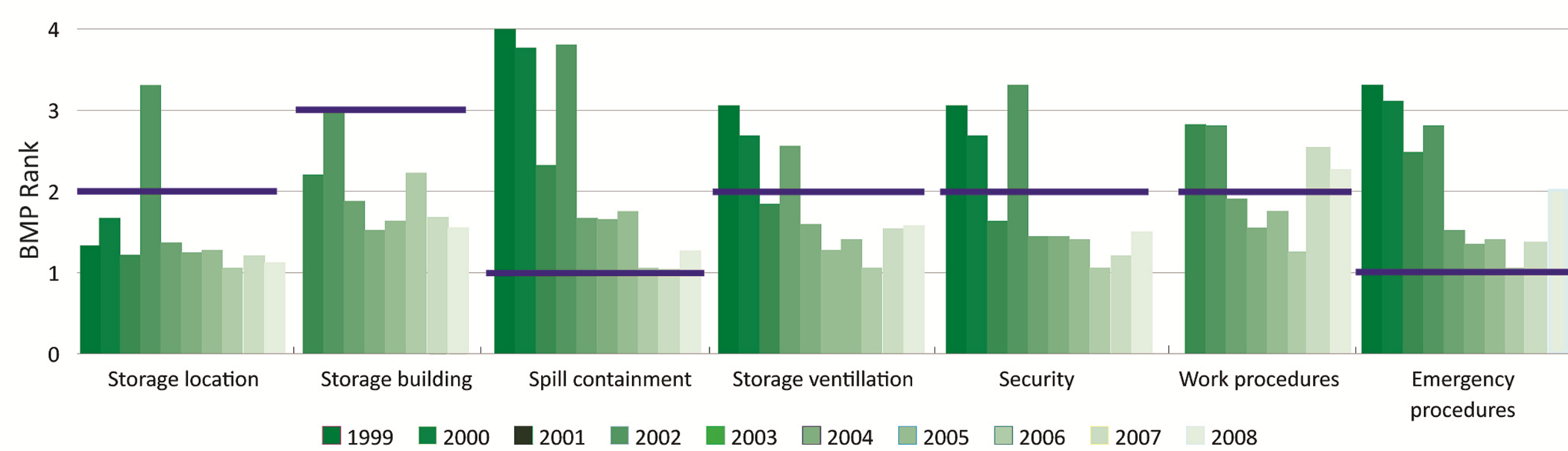
A full report is available at www.cottoncrc.org.au (communities publications)



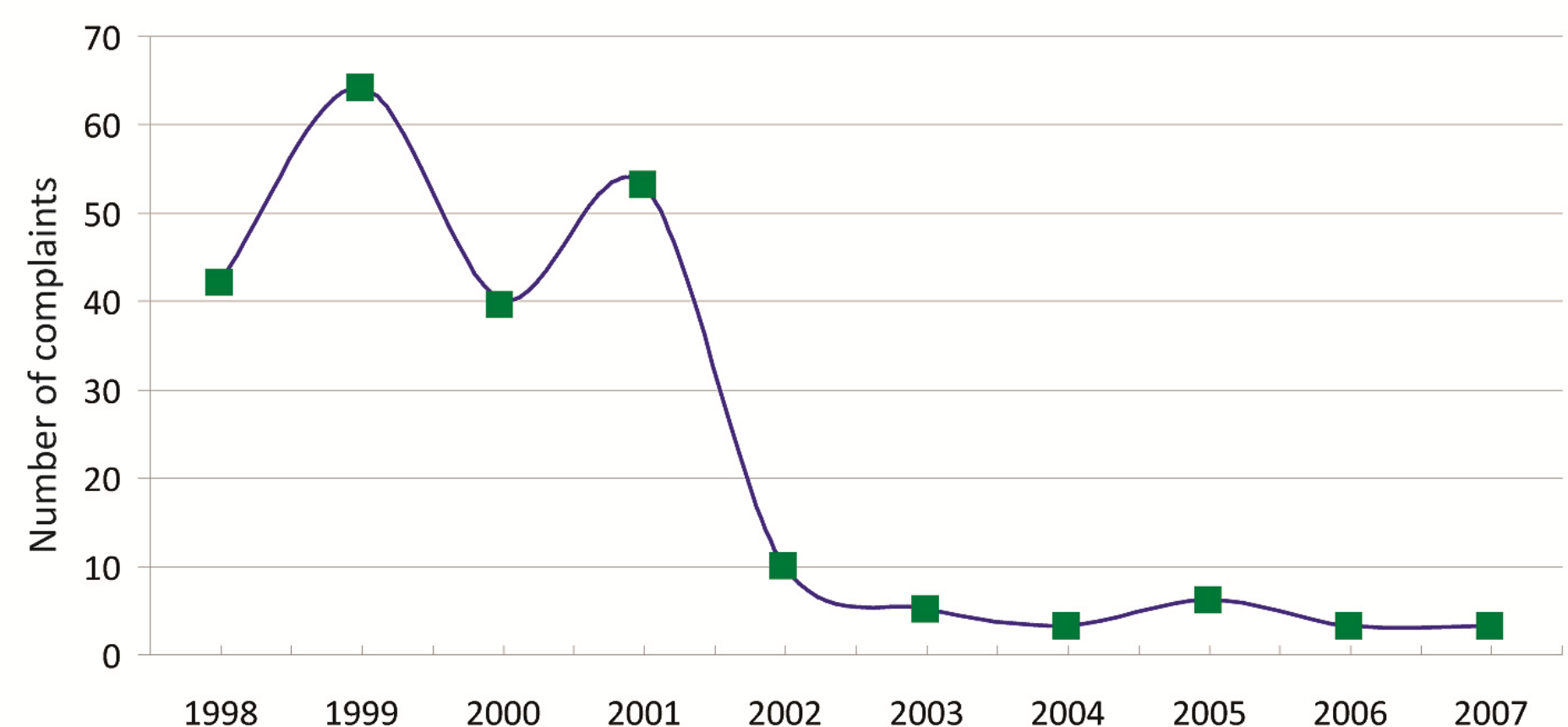
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Economic indicators of sustainability include yield, production levels, profit, and fibre quality. This graph shows the rising yield of cotton in Australia.



Environmental indicators include: water use, water quality, pesticide use and stewardship, soil, energy, biodiversity. This graph shows pesticide stewardship using BMP rankings from farms. The blue line is the industry or legal requirement and improved practice is evident as the rankings trend to lower than the blue line.



Social indicators include employment, OH&S, education, attitudes and demographics like age and gender. This graph shows the number of complaints about cotton to the NSW EPA was falling.

