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MACARTHUR-STANHAM TO LEAD LOCAL LAND SERVICES

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, today announced the appointment of Mr John Macarthur-Stanham as the inaugural Chair of the Local Land Services (LLS) Board of Chairs.

Ms Hodgkinson said the appointment is a key step in the creation of LLS and, as such, Mr Macarthur-Stanham will begin immediately.

“Mr Macarthur-Stanham is an excellent leader, with outstanding credentials, experience, a deep understanding of regional NSW and empathy for rural Australia,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“Mr Macarthur-Stanham’s impressive background will stand him in good stead to establish LLS as an innovative and effective organisation for the future.”

Mr Macarthur-Stanham has held senior positions and directorships including appointments with Dairy Farmers Milk Co-operative, CSR, Sugar Australia, Sydney Catchment Authority and The Trust Company and he also runs a dairy farm and poultry operation at Menangle.

“Mr Macarthur-Stanham is well aware of the importance of LLS charter in the areas of biosecurity, natural resource management, agricultural advice and emergency management,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

Mr Macarthur-Stanham said he is delighted to have been appointed as the Chair of the LLS Board of Chairs.

“My first priority will be to meet with farmers and stakeholders, listen to what they have to say and build on their feedback to create an effective organisation that works and delivers,” Mr Macarthur-Stanham said.

“This is a terrific opportunity to modernise and bring together valuable service delivery functions. The work that has been done to date appears to have laid a great platform.

“At the core of LLS is a governance structure designed to give local boards the capacity to set and respond to regional priorities.

“I am confident the structure will simplify governance, while improving service delivery to farmers and land managers.”

LLS will be operational from January 2014 and combines the expertise and knowledge of Livestock Health and Pest Authorities (LHPA), Catchment Management Authorities (CMA) and some Department of Primary Industries (DPI) agriculture advisory services.

More information on LLS is available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices