



# The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP

## Minister for Primary Industries

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#### **REGIONAL LEADERS GEAR UP FOR LOCAL LAND SERVICES**

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, has today addressed the 11 newly appointed regional Chairs of Local Land Services (LLS) in Sydney, as they prepare to establish and drive LLS across rural and regional NSW.

Ms Hodgkinson said the inaugural Chairs will play a crucial role in building a successful LLS and this two-day orientation program is a significant milestone.

“This is an important opportunity for the new leaders of LLS to meet and begin to work together to drive an accountable, dynamic and customer-focused organisation,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“Strong local leadership will be vital to the success of LLS and I am confident that we have the right people in these roles to deliver the best possible outcomes for farmers and land managers across the State.

“Local Land Services is not about a shingle change – it is about redesigning the way regional services are delivered in NSW and creating a flexible organisation for the future that has a commercial and customer focus.”

Chair of the LLS Board of Chairs, John Macarthur-Stanham, is hosting the meeting and said he is delighted to have the leaders of LLS together for the first time.

“These two days will allow the Chairs to work together to begin to lay the foundation for an effective and efficient LLS that will respond to regional priorities and improve service delivery to landholders,” Mr Macarthur-Stanham said.

“Setting the groundwork and being clear on the strategic direction of the organisation will ensure we hit the ground running when LLS launches in the New Year.”

Other notable speakers at the meeting include Mark Paterson (Director General, NSW Trade and Investment), Michael Bullen (acting Director General Department of Primary Industries) and Dr John Keniry AM (Natural Resources Commissioner and Chair of the LLS Stakeholder Reference Panel), as well as other LLS Steering Committee representatives.

From January 2014, Local Land Services will incorporate the roles and functions of Catchment Management Authorities, Livestock Health and Pest Authorities and some agriculture advisory services from Department of Primary Industries.

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