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REGIONAL LEADERS OF LOCAL LAND SERVICES APPOINTED

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, today announced the appointment of the 11 inaugural Local Land Services (LLS) regional Chairs charged with driving the new organisation.

“In each of these individuals there is a depth of experience, knowledge and integrity which puts LLS on a very solid footing for the future,” Minister Hodgkinson said.

“Strong local leadership is critical to the successful establishment and operation of LLS and I am confident this group of Chairs will deliver.

“Working with their boards and communities, the Chairs will be instrumental at a local level in positioning LLS as an organisation that tackles local challenges and delivers benefits for local farmers, land managers and communities.

The inaugural Chairs, their respective LLS region and home towns are:

- Ian Armstrong – Central Tablelands (Cowra)
- Tom Gavel – Central West (Wellington)
- Terry Charlton – Greater Sydney (Sydney)
- Susan Hooke – Hunter (Gloucester)
- Alex Anthony – Murray (Moulamein)
- Kent Lee – North Coast (Sandy Beach)
- Conrad Bolton – North West (Wee Waa)
- Hans Hietbrink – Northern Tablelands (Guyra)
- Sam Archer – Riverina (Gundagai)
- David Mitchell – South East (Delegate)
- Tom Hynes – Western (Broken Hill)

Ms Hodgkinson said the Chairs will play a critical dual role.

“They will need to be effective local leaders; however, they will also contribute expertise in their own right as the inaugural members of the LLS Board of Chairs,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“While the 11 regional LLS Boards will need to be accountable and set priorities reflective of local farmers and managers, it is important we do not lose sight of the state-wide priorities of LLS.

“To this end, each of the regional Chairs will work closely with John Macarthur-Stanham; the Chair of the LLS Board of Chairs, to ensure the organisation remains focused on the services its farmers and landholders value.”

Mr Macarthur-Stanham said today's announcement will pave the way for the finalisation of the appointed members of the interim LLS Boards.

"We are now working quickly through a process of finalising the appointment of appointed board members and I look forward to holding the first meeting of the Board of Chairs in coming weeks," Mr Macarthur-Stanham said.

"LLS is on track for its implementation date of January, 2014, and I am confident this group of regional Chairs has the right mix of skills to get the job done."