



# The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP

## Minister for Primary Industries

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#### **TRANGIE HOSTS INAUGURAL LOCAL LAND SERVICES BOARD OF CHAIRS MEETING**

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, has welcomed the inaugural meeting of the Local Land Services (LLS) Board of Chairs, which is taking place today at Trangie Research Station.

“Trangie is a fitting location to host this milestone meeting for the creation of this new regional service delivery organisation,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“With only 64 days until LLS is operational in January 2014, the Board of Chairs is focused on ensuring local priorities drive the effective and efficient delivery of services to farmers and land managers, with the best value for ratepayer dollars.

“I am confident this group of leaders have the right experience, skills and deep understanding of regional and rural NSW to lead the organisation through the next critical few months and into the future.

“The Board of Chairs has a job ahead of it to establish the overall governance of LLS and will have responsibility for State-wide issues like aggregated reporting, policy advice and promoting a consistent and co-ordinated approach across the regions.

“LLS will depend heavily on the dual role each of the Chairs has to play – as leaders of each region and as the collective members of the Board of Chairs.”

Chair of the Board of Chairs, John Macarthur-Stanham, said the meeting represents the first opportunity for the Board to discuss and make key decisions to build the new organisation.

“Our inaugural meeting will cover a range of strategic and operational decisions regarding the future of LLS,” Mr Macarthur-Stanham said.

“I am delighted to have the leadership team on board to help set a clear strategic direction for Local Land Services and represent their region in decision-making with a strong understanding of local issues for landholders, investors and the community.”

Mr Macarthur-Stanham said that Government-appointed board members, who will join Chairs on local boards, are expected to be announced in coming weeks.

“We are looking forward to welcoming appointed board members soon, who will help Local Chairs deliver the best possible outcomes for their region,” Mr Macarthur-Stanham said.

Elections for ratepayer-elected directors will be conducted in the first quarter of 2014.

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