LOCAL LAND SERVICES BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, today announced the appointed members who will join regional Chairs on the 11 Local Land Services (LLS) boards across the State.

“Today’s announcement is an exciting step forward in the establishment of LLS, as the countdown to the January 2014 launch continues,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“The 34 government-appointed board members announced today will play a vital role in shaping the local focus of the new organisation and driving a new way of regional service delivery in NSW.

“The appointees bring a depth of expertise from backgrounds in private and commercial sector management through to skills in rural and regional industry development.

“Appointed board members and Chairs will be joined by elected members in early 2014, and they will work together to ensure local priorities drive the effective and efficient delivery of services to farmers and land managers.”

Chair of the LLS Board of Chairs, John Macarthur-Stanham, said the board members have been chosen for their local understanding, skills and expertise in rural and regional issues, and knowledge of such areas as agriculture and biosecurity.

“Local board members will represent their region with a strong understanding of local issues and help drive an organisation which is transparent, accountable and focused on regional priorities,” Mr Macarthur-Stanham said.

“I am confident we have the right people in place to deliver valuable services to farmers and land managers and I look forward to completing the inaugural boards with elected members in the New Year.”

“I urge those who can bring strong and varied skills to LLS to consider standing for election in the first quarter of 2014, and encourage all ratepayers to vote in the poll.”

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 agricultural advisory services.

More information on LLS is available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices
**NSW Government-appointed Local Land Services board members:**

Western:
- Benedict Barlow, Justin McClure, Jim Maynard and Marie Russell.

Murray:
- Richard Bull, Jennifer Hehir and David Wolfenden.

Riverina:
- Barnett Hyams, Julie Briggs and Ian Auldist.

Central West:
- Gregory Matthews, Timothy Ferraro and Robert Freebairn.

North West:
- Anthony Haggarty, Richard Clark and Elizabeth Guest.

Northern Tablelands:
- Grahame Marriott, Leanne Savage and Maria Woods.

Central Tablelands:
- Ian Rogan, Pippinella Job and Reginald Kidd.

North Coast:
- Trevor Wilson, Janine Reed and Mark Bulley.

Hunter:
- James Clark, Daryl Dutton and Edmund Laurie.

South East:
- Ian Denney, Kenneth Garner and Christopher Shannon.

Greater Sydney:
- Nigel Milan, Robert Webster and David Palmer.