



The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP

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LOCAL LAND SERVICES ELECTION DATES ANNOUNCED

NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, today announced the inaugural Local Land Services (LLS) elections will take place on 12 March 2014, with nominations for board member positions now open.

“This is an important opportunity for ratepayers to have a say in who can best represent the needs and priorities of their region,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“Local knowledge, local leadership and understanding of local issues will be critical to the success of LLS and I urge all ratepayers to enrol to vote in this important election process.

“I encourage anyone with a passion for regional and rural issues, who is eager to contribute at a local level, to put up their hand and nominate for a board position before 31 January.”

Ms Hodgkinson said LLS is on track for a successful implementation in January 2014.

“I am excited about the prospect of this new organisation beginning next month, and delivering better regional services to farmers and land managers,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“Today I have also been informed that the NSW Industrial Relations Commission has approved the creation of the new LLS Award, which will give certainty to the conditions and salaries that will apply once LLS is operational.”

Chair of the LLS Board of Chairs, John Macarthur-Stanham, said the elections represent an important step that will bring the LLS leadership team one critical step closer to full strength.

“Across 11 LLS regions, ratepayers will elect 34 board members who will work with NSW Government-appointed directors to ensure local priorities drive the effective and efficient delivery of services to farmers and land managers across the State,” he said.

“Local LLS boards have the capacity to set and respond to regional priorities and the elected board members will play a critical role in a team that will ensure activities remain focused on value-adding services in their region.”

More information on LLS elections, including information on how to nominate and how to enrol to vote in the LLS board elections, is available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices.

2014 LLS election timeline:

- nominations for elected board member positions open – 3 December 2013;
- nominations for elected board member positions close – 31 January 2014;
- close of ratepayer enrolment to vote – 17 February 2014;
- voting closes – 5pm 12 March 2014; and
- election results announced – 14 March 2014.