



# The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP

## Minister for Primary Industries

## Minister for Small Business

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#### **LOCAL LAND SERVICES RATEPAYERS URGED TO ENROL**

NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, and Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources, Troy Grant, have today launched the Central West Local Land Services Community Priorities Survey in Dubbo.

Ms Hodgkinson also reminded ratepayers that they have just days remaining to enrol to vote in the inaugural board member elections, with voting to close on 12 March.

“It is vitally important that all ratepayers re-enrol to vote before the closing date of Monday, 17 February,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“We have had an excellent field of 261 people nominate for the board member elections across the State, so it is extremely important that ratepayers enrol to vote so as they can exercise their democratic right in this process.

“The elected board members will make up an integral part of the 11 regional Local Land Services boards in NSW, so it is important ratepayers turn up to vote ahead of the close of the ballot at 5pm on Wednesday, 12 March.

“As this is a new organisation, we were not able to transfer the former Livestock Health and Pest Authorities electoral roll over and, as such, ratepayers must re-enrol in order to vote.”

Mr Grant, also the Member for Dubbo, said 27 people nominated for the board member elections in the Central West Local Land Services.

“This is a terrific number of nominations and I am very pleased with the overall number and quality of people that have elected to throw their hat in the ring,” Mr Grant said.

“It bodes well for the new boards that there has been such strong interest in the elections.”

Central West Local Land Services Chair Tom Gavel said the Community Priorities Survey will ensure the new organisation delivers services that are relevant and valued locally.

“Local Land Services is committed to delivering a new era of regional service delivery, so to enable that we are engaging our communities and asking what their priorities are,” Mr Gavel said.

“I encourage our communities to complete a survey and have their say.”

For more information about Local Land Services, to enrol to vote and view the full list of nominees for the board member elections, visit [www.lls.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au) or drop into your nearest Local Land Services office.