



# **Katrina Hodgkinson MP**

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#### **MORE THAN 500 APPLY FOR LLS LEADERSHIP ROLES**

More than 500 applications have flooded in for key Local Land Services (LLS) leadership positions, Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, has revealed.

“This overwhelming response is evidence that a genuine interest in LLS exists across rural and regional NSW,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“We have applicants with diverse and interesting backgrounds eager to contribute at a local level in building this new organisation.

“Applications have been received from all corners of the State and they display many of the skills and experience that are required to form 11 effective inaugural LLS boards.”

About 150 applications have been received for the 11 local Chair positions and more than 400 applications have been lodged for local board member roles.

“The appointment process is now underway and will progress systematically with the Chair of the Board of Chairs being appointed first, followed by local Chairs, and then local board members,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

Ms Hodgkinson said all appointments were critical for the new organisation to be operational in January 2014.

“Local boards will have primary responsibility for the day-to-day operations of service delivery, project administration and engagement with their local communities on biosecurity, agricultural advice, natural resource management and emergency response matters,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“The Government-appointed director positions will be joined by locally elected directors in the first quarter of next year when elections are held for directorships.

“Local knowledge, local leadership and understanding of local issues will help form the solid foundations for LLS to operate as a service provider with relevance and credibility.”

More information on LLS is available at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices)