

# Building Local Land Services

A regular update from the Local Land Services Stakeholder Reference Panel keeping you informed on the development of the new Local Land Services.

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## Stakeholder Reference Panel meeting

The Stakeholder Reference Panel met on Monday 25 March 2013.

### Panel members in attendance

- John Keniry, Chair, Stakeholder Reference Panel
- Richard Sheldrake, Department of Primary Industries
- Tom Gavel, Catchment Management Authorities
- Ian Donges, Livestock Health and Pest Authorities
- Fiona Simson, NSW Farmers
- Ray Donald, NSW Shires Association
- Rob Dulhunty, Landcare NSW
- Chris Andrew, Greening Australia
- Mick Keogh, Australian Farm Institute

Major topics of discussion were membership of local boards and options for ratepayer voting rights, regional boundaries, and community consultation workshops and reports. The Panel's next meeting will be on Monday 22 April 2013.

## Key milestones

The panel has released a diagram that illustrates the key milestones for the establishment of Local Land Services becoming operational. Now available on the [Have Your Say website](#).

## Governance paper released soon

The Panel approved the publication of the Membership of Regional LLS Boards paper. This will be made available on the Have Your Say site next week.

The Panel also discussed options for voting rights in the election of board members. Options include:

- One vote per ratepayer regardless of holding size
- One vote per dollar paid in rates
- A hybrid of these options with a capped sliding vote scale according to dollar paid.

The Panel is yet to make a decision on the recommended approach for voting rights and continues to consider stakeholder and community input.

## Regional Boundaries feedback examined

Regional boundaries has been a key topic of discussion throughout the community consultation process. Valuable feedback from stakeholders and the community is informing the Panel's thinking. Various issues regarding boundaries were discussed at this month's meeting. The Panel resolved some issues, including changing the names of 'Rangelands LLS' to 'Western LLS' and 'South West Riverina LLS' to 'Riverina LLS'. More major issues were discussed but decisions will be held off until consultation workshops are completed and feedback data is available. The Panel will continue to consider all feedback before making final decisions regarding boundaries at the next Panel meeting on 22 April.

## Community consultation continues

### Consultation workshop reports now available

We are wrapping up community consultation workshops next week, with events in Scone, Maitland, Moss Vale and Penrith. The workshops have generated strong community interest with more than 1,500 people coming along to share their thoughts and suggestions on Local Land Services so far. Reports on all completed workshops are available on the [Have Your Say website](#) and include [Yass](#), [Cooma](#), [Bega](#), [Wellington](#), [Bathurst](#), [Grenfell](#), [Hay](#), [Deniliquin](#), [Bourke](#), [Nyngan](#), [Broken Hill](#), [Wentworth](#), [Lismore](#), [Coffs Harbour](#), [Glenn Innes](#), [Gunnedah](#), and [Moree](#).

### Special Industry Briefing to be held

The Panel will hold a special Local Land Services Industry Briefing in Sydney on 15 April. This special event will update and engage representatives from key industry groups.

### Don't miss your chance to have your say

More than 2000 responses and submissions have been received so far through the [Have Your Say site](#). Those who are unable to attend the final workshops are encouraged to visit the Local Land Services Have Your Say website, send their submissions in by mail to PO Box 865, Dubbo NSW 2830, or via email [local.landservices@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:local.landservices@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

## Upcoming workshops

Date	Time	Location
8 April	9am-12 noon	Scone, Scone RSL, 71 Guernsey St
8 April	3-6pm	Maitland, East Maitland Bowling Club, cnr New England Hwy & Banks St
9 April	9.30am-12.30pm	Moss Vale, Moss Vale Services Club, Corner Argyle & Yarrawa Sts
9 April	3-6pm	Penrith, Nepean Rowing Club, Bruce Neale Dr

## Media releases

- 4 April 2013 – [Don't miss your chance to have your say on Local Land Services](#)
- 22 March 2013 – [North Coast Locals have their say on Local Land Services](#)
- 20 March 2013 – [Wentworth and Broken Hill locals turn out to help shape Local Land Services](#)

## Get in touch

Please continue to give us your thoughts and ideas through the Have Your Say site, by mail or fax, or by attending one of the upcoming consultation workshops.

**Email:** [local.landservices@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:local.landservices@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

**Have your say site:** [haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices](http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices)

**Post:** Local Land Services, PO Box 865, Dubbo NSW 2830

## One team



Local Land Services will bring together LHPA, CMA and advisory services of DPI. Being one organisation will make it easier to work together to achieve even better outcomes for farmers, landowners, key partners, and community and industry groups. Here are some examples of what can be achieved working as one team.

### Pest control training success

Cumberland LHPA and Hunter-Central Rivers CMA worked together to organise and present a free vertebrate pest control course for landholders in the Tuggerah Lakes Catchment.

The course took about four hours and accredited landholders to use 1080 and Pindone pesticides for five years.

“Poisons are now under more scrutiny so the course is a great opportunity to learn how to use poisons correctly and safely,” Carolyn Jenkinson from the CMA said.



“It is not uncommon for LHPAs and CMAs to work together on projects like these. The two organisations already work well together for the benefit of NSW farmers and landholders. It puts them in good stead as they head towards becoming one organisation, along with DPI extension services, under the new Local Land Services organisation from 1 January 2014,” Cumberland LHPA Senior Ranger Geoff Mills said.

### LHPA, CMA bring down Central West pig numbers

Central West CMA and Central West LHPA have brought down pig numbers in the Wingadee and Nedgera wetlands north of Coonamble.

The CMA-LHPA used an integrated approach have used an integrated approach from 2011 to date.

Feral pigs cause heavy losses in lambing percentages on scanned ewes and increasing amounts of crop damage. The wetland areas also have significant native flora and fauna that need protection.

