

Local Land Services and the farmer

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Local Land Services will be built around farmers. The new organisation will deliver integrated services, fast and professional advice, individual and community outcomes and a modern flexible approach to primary industries service delivery.

Local Land Services combines the expertise and knowledge of Livestock Health and Pest Authorities (LHPA), Catchment Management Authorities (CMA) and Department of Primary Industries (DPI) advisory services.

Gone will be the days of scouting around different agencies for snippets of advice on different issues. Farmers will get all the help they need from the one organisation across a range of issues they face in their farming business, day-in, day-out.

Farmers and landowners will have a direct relationship with *Local Land Services* Advisory Officers, who will have an area of expertise, like cropping or livestock, but will also have a broad range of generalist skills across natural resource management, biosecurity and agricultural advice to bring to the table.

They will be local, with an understanding of the specific agricultural systems and the natural resource base of your region.

These skilled and professional advisers will work closely with farmers to improve farm productivity through their own knowledge and experience, but also through providing a connection to industry information, current research and development, other specialists and State-wide direction and information.

Farmers will also have access to DPI Industry Development Officers, who will work closely with *Local Land Services* Advisory Officers to spread the word on the latest industry specific knowledge and practices.

Some 50 Advisory Officers with expertise in crops, pastures, livestock, grazing and irrigation will be based in strategic farming areas across the State.

What it means for YOU

Whether it's cropping, livestock, horticulture, biosecurity or sustainable agriculture advice, *Local Land Services* will give farmers easy access to the latest information and services – all from one convenient source.

- *Providing answers* – to improve your farm business, land management and catchment health.
- *One stop shop* – a range of support and advice from one convenient source.
- *Local and relevant* – local boards, local decisions and tailored services for your area and for your industry.
- *Independent and scientifically sound advice* – services remain independent and transparent.
- *Help that counts* – identifying opportunities, risks and better ways of farming.
- *Keeping up with the times* – new ways of accessing information and advice through mobile phone and tablet apps, better internet presence and easy access to online resources

- *Connected solutions* – improved access to cutting edge research, market opportunities, advances in genetics, breakthrough production frontiers and new plant and animal products.
- *Whole of farm management* – looking at the farm the same way you do, incorporating natural resource management, sustainable livestock and cropping systems, risk management and farm planning and building long term resilience.
- *Less red tape; less bureaucracy* – streamlined delivery of services that help you get on with what you do best.
- *Tailored research* – shaping research priorities for DPI and other research organisations based on real on-ground experience.