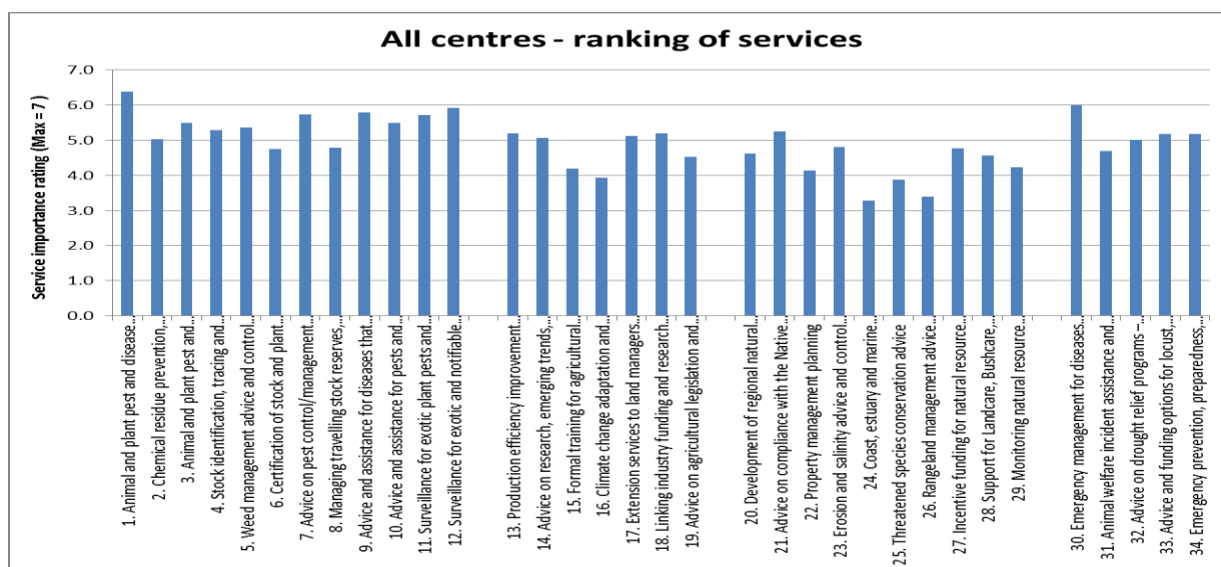


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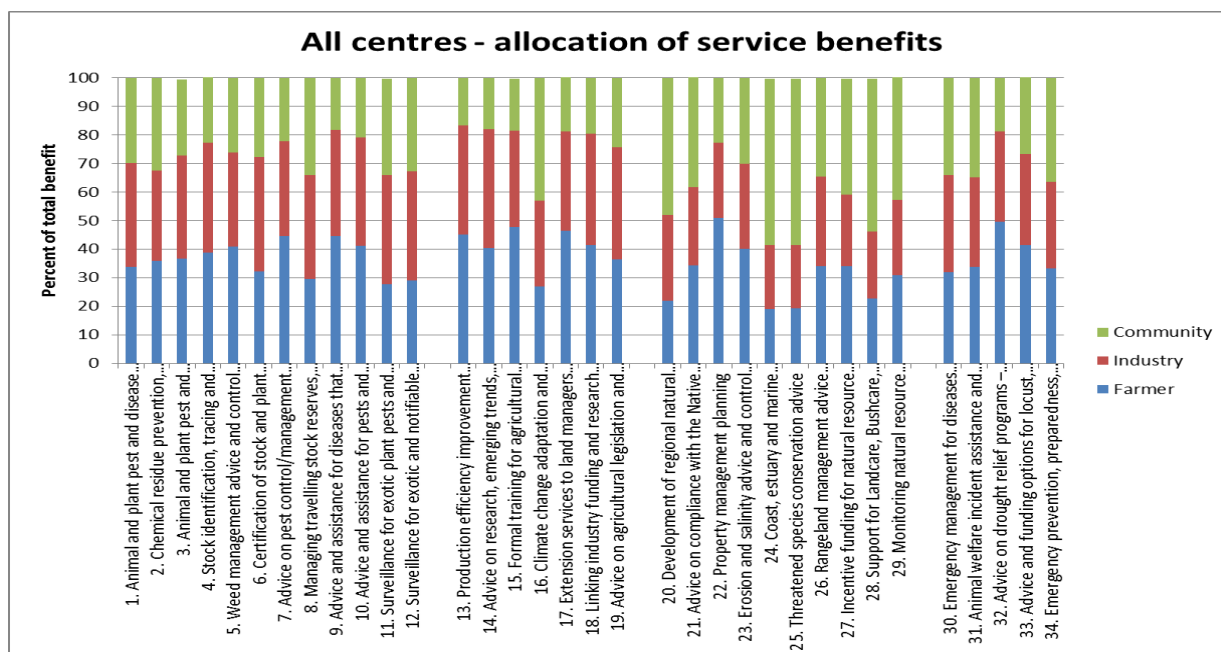
Workshop location	All centres	Date	
Attendance	Approximately 1,700 people attended the 21 meetings, and approximately 1,000 of these completed worksheets that have been included in this analysis.	Time	

1. Services.

Workshop participants were asked to rank the importance of the various services that are currently provided by the Catchment Management Authorities, the Livestock Health and Pest Authorities, and the NSW Department of Primary Industries extension services. Possible rankings ranged from 0 (service not needed) to 7 (service is highly important). The average results for the workshop are displayed in the following table. The full list of the services is appended.



Workshop participants were then asked to indicate the percentage of the total benefits arising from each of the services they believe are 'captured' by individual farmers, the entire agriculture sector, or the whole community. The average responses of participants involved in the workshop are displayed in the following table.



2. Governance

Workshop participants were asked to indicate which of the two Board options they preferred. Option one involved a Board composed of four members appointed by the Minister and four members elected by local ratepayers. Option 2 involved four Board members appointed by the Minister and three Board members elected by local ratepayers. Participants were asked to rank each option on a scale of 1 (no support) to 7 (strong support). The average results for the workshop are displayed in the following table.

Board composition

Option	No support			Neutral			Strong support		No response
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
4 elected/4 appointed	15.7%	2.0%	2.5%	6.3%	6.2%	9.1%	45.6%	12.5%	
3 elected/4 appointed	47.0%	6.9%	5.7%	3.6%	2.4%	1.9%	6.8%	25.7%	

Workshop participants were asked to rank a number of different options for determining the voting rights of ratepayers in electing members of a Local Land Services Board. The four proposals were (a) voting rights linked to the dollars of rates paid, (b) voting rights based on the area of land owned, (c) voting rights based on enterprise type such as the number of livestock, or (d) a system based on a single vote for each ratepayer. Results are displayed below.

Ratepayer voting rights

	Most preferred	Second	Third	Least preferred
\$ per ratepayer	31.8%	13.0%	7.5%	47.6%
Land area	18.7%	21.1%	10.7%	49.5%
Enterprise type	4.3%	9.5%	23.0%	63.2%
One vote per ratepayer	42.7%	3.9%	5.5%	48.0%

Workshop participants were asked their opinions about the range of different functions that a Community Advisory Group might perform. Four different functions were listed, and participants were asked whether or not they supported the Community Advisory Group performing that role. The responses are displayed in the following table.

Community Advisory Group functions.

Function	Yes	No
Scrutinise Board candidates	49.7%	50.3%
Input to Strategic plan	74.0%	26.0%
Community engagement advice	68.7%	31.3%
Advice on programs	77.8%	22.2%

Workshop participants were also asked to provide comments about other options they believe should be considered in relation to each of these questions. A wide range of responses were provided, and these have been made available to members of the Stakeholder Reference Group that is advising the Minister on aspects of the LLS proposal. The responses are not recorded as part of this summary due to space constraints.



3. Workshop Participants

Workshop participants were asked to provide some information about the nature of their landholdings, and also whether they represented a particular group or were employed by one of the organisations affected by the LLS proposal. Responses are displayed in the following table.

Full time farmers		Other interests	
Full time farmers	80.9%	Hobby/lifestyle landholder	11.1%
Grazing livestock only	35.6%	Urban resident	5.9%
Crop only	1.0%	Industry group representative	3.7%
Mixed livestock/crops	24.6%	LHPA Board/staff	7.2%
Intensive livestock	2.0%	Local Govt employee	9.5%
Horticulture	3.6%	Rural residential	14.9%
Other	14.1%	Community group representative	11.3%
		CMA staff/board	7.6%
LHPA ratepayers	72.4%	Other State Govt employee	3.4%

Please Note: Workshop participants were able to indicate they belonged in more than one category. For example, a full-time farmer could also be a member of an LHPA or CMA Board, or an industry group representative. The above percentages refer to the number of respondents that indicated they belonged to each category, as a percentage of the total number of participants completing the questionnaire.

Workshop participants were also asked to indicate the area of land they controlled (including leased or rented land). Responses are displayed in the following table.

Hectares	% of participants
0 – 10	9.5%
11 – 40	6.6%
40 - 100	9.9%
101 – 1,000	31.5%
1,001 – 3,000	20.5%
3,001 – 6,000	6.6%
6,001 – 10,000	3.7%
10,001 +	11.7%

Workshop participants were asked to provide an appraisal of the usefulness of the information provided at the workshop, and whether they felt they had an adequate opportunity to contribute. They were also asked to provide their initial impressions of the Local Land Services proposal. Possible rankings ranged from 1 (very poor) to 7 (very good). Results are displayed in the following table.

	Very poor						Very good
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Usefulness of information	3.7%	9.6%	14.2%	26.9%	26.6%	13.5%	3.6%
Opportunity to contribute	5.8%	5.6%	11.5%	22.1%	28.8%	18.7%	5.7%
Rating of LLS proposal	19.8%	15.7%	15.4%	23.2%	10.8%	6.6%	2.9%

The information provided in this summary was independently collated and analysed by the Australian Farm Institute. Reported results are based on responses to questionnaires, and not all participants completed questionnaires, and not all questionnaires handed in had all questions answered. Consequently, the results reported here should be considered to provide only a general guide to the views of workshop participants, with small differences in results unlikely to be statistically significant.



Complete list of services.

Biosecurity Services
1. Animal and plant pest and disease prevention, containment, and eradication programs
2. Chemical residue prevention, management and control programs
3. Animal and plant pest & disease transition to management and ongoing management programs
4. Stock identification, tracing and management systems
5. Weed management advice and control programs
6. Certification of stock and plant commodities for international and domestic trade
7. Advice on pest control/management programs eg rabbits, pigs, foxes, wild dogs
8. Managing travelling stock reserves, including livestock grazing permits, watering points access, native vegetation
9. Advice and assistance for diseases that may affect livestock in your district
10. Advice and assistance for pest and diseases that may affect plant production in your district
11. Surveillance for exotic plant pest and diseases in agricultural production and the environment
12. Surveillance for exotic and notifiable endemic diseases of animals and residues
Agricultural Advisory Services
13. Production efficiency improvement programs eg Grazing management, new varieties products, trials
14. Advice on research, emerging trends, markets, and risks to agricultural industries
15. Formal training for agricultural productivity
16. Climate change adaptation and mitigation training and advice
17. Extension services to land managers on agriculture
18. Linking industry funding and research programs to landholders
19. Advice on agricultural legislation and policy
NRM Services
20. Development of regional natural resource management plans
21. Advice on compliance with the Native vegetation Act , preparing property vegetation plans, clearing permits
22. Property management planning
23. Erosion and salinity advice and control programs
24. Coast, estuary and marine and environmental water management advice
25. Threatened species conservation advice
26. Rangeland management advice (western NSW)
27. Incentive funding for natural resource management activities,
28. Support for Landcare, Bushcare, Dunecare and Coastcare as well as Aboriginal, School, Local Government and community engagement.
29. Monitoring natural resource management plans to assist landholders
Emergency Management Services
30. Emergency management for diseases in domestic livestock and other species eg bees, native veg, or wildlife
31. Animal welfare incident assistance and support
32. Advice on drought relief programs –claims, subsidies etc
33. Advice and funding options for locust, fire, flood recovery programs
34. Emergency prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery activities