Improving primary production within healthy landscapes
Local Land Services

We work with land managers and the community to improve primary production within healthy landscapes. We also assist rural and regional communities to be profitable and sustainable into the future.

We connect people with groups, information, support and funding to improve agricultural productivity and better manage our natural resources.

Local Land Services is one statewide organisation offering integrated services, delivered regionally and tailored for each community, industry and landscape.

Local Land Services is governed by a Board of Chairs, with an independent chair and the chairs of the local boards.

The Board of Chairs reports directly to the Minister for Primary Industries and is responsible for oversight of Local Land Services’ strategy and governance. This includes ensuring Local Land Services is aligned with NSW Government priorities.

Local regions provide our front line services. We are uniquely placed to provide on-ground and face-to-face assistance to land managers throughout the state to help protect their land, business and way of life.

Each region has a local board that is responsible for communications and engagement with their local communities. They provide oversight of the following, in line with local and state priorities:

- corporate governance
- regionally appropriate programs
- local strategic plans
- budgets.

Regions vary in geographic and organisational size and approach their local priorities in different ways, which is why it is so important to be locally focused.

Local community advisory groups provide input into the development of plans, projects and services and are an integral link between Local Land Services and the community it serves.

Our services

We provide integrated and coordinated services to achieve our three customer-focused goals:

1. Resilient, self-reliant and prepared local communities

Agricultural production
We assist our primary industries through advisory services and support to agriculture, including information on:

- farm management
- land capability
- cropping
- pastures
- mixed farming
- horticulture
- seasonal conditions.

Emergency management
In partnership with the Department of Primary Industries, we help manage livestock and disease emergencies such as drought, bushfires and floods and biosecurity events involving plants, animals and pest insects.

We also work alongside other agencies to provide vital support in emergencies where agricultural industries are impacted, including natural disasters such as flood and bushfire.

We help build landholders’ capacity to plan, prepare, respond and recover from biosecurity emergencies and natural disasters.
**Drought assistance and other natural disaster relief**
We help people to prepare for dry times and the impacts of climate change and play a key role in producing regional seasonal conditions reports.

**Aboriginal communities**
We support Aboriginal people to care for Country, share traditional land management knowledge and help protect and strengthen Aboriginal cultural heritage.

### 2. Biosecure, profitable, productive and sustainable primary industries

**Biosecurity**
Biosecurity is the protection of the environment, economy and community from the impacts of weeds, pests and diseases.
We work with landholders, industry and the community to minimise biosecurity risks and their impacts on agricultural production, international market access or environmental health.

**Livestock health**
We deliver frontline livestock health and disease surveillance services in NSW.
Our district veterinarians and biosecurity officers deliver a range of national, state and local programs, all aimed at safeguarding market access and improving livestock productivity. Our focus with livestock health is:
- emergency disease prevention
- preparedness and response
- advisory and diagnostic services
- disease surveillance and reporting
- residue investigation and management
- certification
- traceability systems such as the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS).

**Stock movement and identification**
We administer permits for moving and grazing stock on public roads and travelling stock reserves (TSRs).
We also administer a variety of stock identification systems including property identification codes (PICs), branding, earmarking and advice on NLIS.

**Maintaining travelling stock reserves**
We manage approximately 500,000 hectares within the TSR network throughout NSW. These networks of Crown land provide invaluable fodder reserves and provide important landscape and ecological functions, as well as being popular recreational areas.
TSRs can be especially beneficial in times of drought, bushfire or flood.

**Protecting our agricultural industry**
Our district veterinarians and biosecurity officers are empowered as stock inspectors in NSW.
Their role includes visiting saleyards to ensure compliance with the NLIS and educating producers about the importance of tracing livestock.
Good surveillance detects problems early and ensures the quality and safety of NSW livestock and livestock products and access to domestic and international markets.

**Pest animal, insect and weed control**
Pest animals, insects and weeds cause serious economic losses to agricultural production, pose a risk of exotic disease, threaten the survival of many native species and cause environmental degradation.
We work with landholders to minimise their impact on agricultural production and the environment.
We provide education, training and support and help coordinate group control programs – bringing landholders together to control wild dogs, rabbits, foxes, pigs, plague locusts and other pests.

### 3. Healthy, diverse and connected natural environments

**Natural resource management**
Healthy ecosystems underpin successful, productive primary producers and communities.
Through investment from the NSW and Australian governments, we support a healthy ecosystem across the landscapes of NSW.
We help landholders and communities improve the quality of our land, soil, vegetation and water, through:
- grants and funding for on ground projects
- partnerships
- training and education.

**Biodiversity**
Biodiversity is the variety of plants and animals in an ecosystem. It is important to conserve biodiversity because it sustains healthy, natural environments and increases agricultural productivity.

Native vegetation benefits both on-farm production and environmental health. Healthy native vegetation can increase land values and productivity while reducing operating costs.
We work with land managers, advising them on relevant legislation as well as helping them improve biodiversity on their land for greater productivity.
Our funding partners

The services we provide are funded in a variety of ways.

The **NSW Government** provides funding through a Treasury grant to fund our core functions and through the Catchment Action NSW program. Catchment Action NSW funding is provided to Local Land Services by the **Office of Environment and Heritage**. It offers regionally-delivered project funding to address state natural resource management priorities including support for biodiversity, native vegetation, threatened species and Aboriginal cultural heritage outcomes.

The **Australian Government** is an important funding partner, primarily through the National Landcare Programme. The programme helps drive sustainable agriculture, as well as supporting the protection, conservation and rehabilitation of Australia’s natural environment.

**Ratepayers** also contribute significantly to funding our biosecurity, livestock health and welfare services. Market access and healthy and productive industries rely on these services.

**Private industry partnerships** and investments also contribute to our work.

This model ensures each group gains maximum value from their investment.

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