

Local Land Services

Local Land Services (LLS) was established in January 2014 to respond to the needs of local landholders, industry groups and communities.

It brings together the functions and activity of Catchment Management Authorities, Livestock Health and Pest Authorities and some agricultural extension and advisory services of the Department of Primary Industries.



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Hunter Local Land Services

Hunter Local Land Services (LLS) provides advice and quality services to landholders and the community across the region to improve:

- Biosecurity
- Agricultural production
- Emergency management
- Natural resource management.

Our locally-based board and staff :

- Add value to local industries
- Enhance natural resources
- Protect industries from pests and diseases
- Help communities respond to emergencies

We employ local people such as vets, biosecurity rangers and agricultural advisory services staff, who have a range of skills and expertise to support landholders with local issues.

Hunter LLS services three districts: the Lower Hunter, Upper Hunter and Manning Great Lakes, with staff based in locations around the region.

We have a seven-member board with representatives from across the Hunter who have various backgrounds, adding a range of experience and knowledge to the organisation.

We also have four community advisory groups which provide valuable input to board decisions. Members represent communities, primary industry groups, government, and other interest groups from across the Hunter.



These community advisory groups provide high level advice and feedback to Hunter LLS on local priorities and services. They form a key part of our community engagement framework and contribute to the strategic direction of our

Our services

We provide integrated and coordinated services across four broad areas of operation:

Biosecurity

We work with landholders, industry and the community to ensure biosecurity risks do not impact on agricultural production, international market access or environmental health. We provide biosecurity services relating to animal and plant pests and diseases including management, control and eradication; preparedness, response and recovery from animal and plant pest and disease emergencies; chemical residue prevention control and management; and control and movement of stock.

Agricultural production

We support primary industries by providing advisory services and support to agriculture including information on seasonal conditions, farm management, land capability, pastures, mixed farming and emerging weeds. We provide services and support to livestock industries through livestock advisory services and livestock management. Hunter LLS also manages over 7,000 hectares of Travelling Stock Reserves throughout the region.

Natural resource management

Healthy ecosystems underpin successful, productive agricultural businesses and communities. We assist landholders and communities to improve the quality of our land, soil, vegetation and water through projects, partnerships, training and education.

Emergency management

Hunter LLS, with the lead agency the Department of Primary Industries, manages livestock disease emergencies and biosecurity events involving plants, animals and pest insects such as locust plagues.

We also work alongside other agencies to provide vital support in emergencies where agriculture industries are impacted. Operating under the State Emergency Management Plan, we assist in natural disasters such as flood and bushfire.

We aim to enhance the capacity of landholders to plan and prepare for, respond to, and recover from biosecurity emergencies and natural disasters.

