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BOOST FOR NATIVE FORESTRY ON FARMS

A simpler and more streamlined system for managing private native forests will be effective from today, with the introduction of a new specialised team within Local Land Services.

Minister for Lands and Forestry Paul Toole welcomed the new team, which will be ready to take on approvals and advice from today.

“This is an important part of the NSW Forestry Industry Roadmap and recognises that private native forestry makes a substantial contribution to the State’s timber industry,” Mr Toole said.

“It brings on-farm forestry into alignment with the suite of other sustainable land management options available through Local Land Services’ one stop shop.”

The dedicated team will comprise seven specialist private native forestry officers located in regional offices, including three experienced officers from the Environment Protection Authority.

Compliance and enforcement responsibility will remain with the EPA.

Local Land Services is also leading a review into the Private Native Forestry Codes of Practice that will commence shortly to ensure they continue to support a sustainable and productive industry.

Private native forestry enquiries can be made via the LLS hotline on 1300 778 080 or pnf.info@lls.nsw.gov.au

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