Key contacts

Local Land Services helps secure the future of agriculture and the environment for NSW communities. We help grow farm productivity and healthy environments and protect against pests, diseases and environmental threats. We are here when it matters, connecting people with knowledge, networks and local experience.

Local Land Services Structure

STRATEGIC
Boards

Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW

Chair LLS Board
Set statewide strategy & policy
Monitors strategy performance
finance, risk and audit

Chair Local Boards
Set local strategy & policy
Recommended policy to LLS Board
Monitors strategy performance
Engage local community

OPERATIONAL
LLS Staff Agency

DPIE Secretary

Chief Executive Officer
Implements Strategy
in line with policy

Senior Executive

Corporate Executive
Sustainable Land Management
Soil Conservation Service

General Managers

LLS Staff

Performance accountability
Management accountability
Local Land Services Chief Executive Officer
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The Chief Executive Officer oversees Local Land Services to ensure the business delivers on key outcomes and ensures customers of NSW are provided with the tools required to maintain a productive and sustainable agricultural industry, protecting the environment and growing the economy.

Local Land Services is one organisation designed to deliver tailored on-ground programs and services to the customers of NSW. A great strength of the Local Land Services model is that it fosters local decision making and supports local communities across a range of key service delivery areas through our 11 Local Land Services regions and Local Boards.

Executive Director Strategy and Engagement
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The Strategy and Engagement Team is responsible for working across the whole of Local Land Services to develop statewide strategy, performance indicators and policy.

The team is also responsible for partnering with Local Land Services regions to deliver our core functions of TSR management, agriculture and natural resource management, biosecurity, invasive species and emergency management and looking after organisational development and human resources in partnership with the Department of Industry.

Chief Financial Officer, Finance, Risk, Assurance and Technology
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The Finance, Risk, and Assurance teams provide advice, analysis and services in strategic and operational financial management, strategic risk management, and internal audit. These focus areas are delivered through leading practices and analysis to enhance and support Local Land Services achieve its organisational goals whilst complying with relevant standards, NSW Government policies, statutory and other requirements.

The Technology team provides ICT program delivery services to deliver bespoke system requirements and replace legacy systems with fit for purpose solutions and new technology capability, collaborating across Local Land Services to ensure customer and stakeholder expectations are met.

Group Director, Sustainable Land Management
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The Sustainable Land Management unit is responsible for implementing the biodiversity reforms, that came into effect in August 2017. The Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and amended Local Land Services Act 2013 take advantage of the best available science and data and deliver a modern approach to land management and biodiversity conservation in NSW. The changes will enable continued protection of the natural environment and ongoing support for a sustainable and productive agricultural sector.
The Soil Conservation Service is a commercial business unit within Local Land Services. It operates on a fee for service basis and is 100% funded from successful commercial operations.

The Soil Conservation Service is an environmental consulting and soil conservation business specialising in land rehabilitation, erosion control, project management and resource protection.

It has five operational areas and 26 centres across NSW and clients include a broad range of private and public sector businesses, with agricultural land managers being key clients.

For over 70 years, Soil Conservation Service has built a strong reputation as providers of reliable, practical solutions to natural resource management issues and is recognised as an innovator and industry leader.
General managers, regions

General managers lead their staff to deliver locally relevant, on-ground results. They drive cross regional collaboration and customer and investor focused services.

They plan, guide and oversee regional operational functions which are consistent with Local Land Services state and regional strategic objectives.

They promote Local Land Services and engage with local communities and stakeholders, building productive partnerships to deliver our objectives, programs and projects.

Under this arrangement, all regional general managers have a functional reporting arrangement to Chief Executive Officer. They work with local board members, stakeholders, investors and community groups to deliver locally tailored and relevant programs.

General managers, as well as all executive management, are responsible for the safety and well being of their staff with the strategic objective of ‘every person home safe and well every day’.

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Department and board structure

Secretary of Department of Industry

Senior executives, including the general managers, are employed by the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Industry, Jim Betts. In keeping with the legislative requirements of the Government Sector Employment (GSE) Act, the Secretary makes decisions on hiring, reassignment or removal of all Local Land Services executives (including General Managers) after consulting with the Chair and Chief Executive Officer.

Board

Chair of Local Land Services
Richard Bull
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This is a part-time role with a clear focus on strategic oversight.

Our board members are a vital link between Local Land Services and the communities we serve. Our board members bring a wealth of skills, experience and commitment to the organisation.

Local Land Services board

Local Land Services Board is comprised of the each of the chairs of the 11 regional boards. Their focus is steering Local Land Services on behalf of the Minister in relation to:

- organisational governance and strategy
- risk management
- service delivery priorities
- community engagement

Local board members

There is a local board for each of the Local Land Services regions. There are 80 local board members which are either Ministerially-appointed or elected.

The board members have legislated functions with four main focus areas:

- strategy - oversight of delivery of local strategic plan
- community engagement - linking communities and the organisation
- advocacy - promoting Local Land Services, our staff and the services we offer
- advice - providing advice to the Local Land Services Board for their decision.

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