



Managing the Long Paddock

Local Land Services continuing a long history of TSR Management.

In January 2014 LHPAs merged with CMAs (Catchment Management Authorities) to create Local Land Services or LLS.

The management of the Travelling Stock Reserves has changed hands over the years. The management has moved from the Pasture Protection Boards (PP Boards), to Rural Lands Protection Boards (RLPBs), Livestock Health and Pest Authorities (LHPAs) and now to Northern Tablelands LLS.

New LLS boundaries align with Local Shire Council boundaries. The Shires of Tenterfield, Glen Innes, Inverell, Armidale, Dumaresq, Guyra and Walcha form the Northern Tablelands LLS. The TSRs that are within these Shires are all now under the management of Northern Tablelands LLS.

Following the boundary changes, the Northern Tablelands LLS now manages over 350 TSRs covering 46,735 hectares. This area includes a combination of reserves that were previously part of the New England LHPA, North Coast LHPA and North West LHPA districts.

There are more than 700,000 hectares of TSRs in NSW that are now under the management of Local Land Services (LLS) Statewide.

These Crown Land reserves were originally established for the droving of sheep and cattle in the early stages of European settlement. The 'Long Paddock' remains an important network for the movement of stock, and has become a feed reserve for farmers in times of drought. The stock routes are also valued for their social, cultural and environmental benefits.



Grazing permits & TSR funding

Funding to cover the costs of managing the TSR network comes primarily from the revenue raised through fees charged for Grazing Permits.

No base level funding is received from the State Government for the maintenance or management of TSRs. LLS needs to make sensible economic decisions on permit fees and charges to ensure these costs are fair for users, but also sufficient to cover ongoing management expenses.

Boundary changes

Previously there have been variations in the management of TSRs from one region to the next.

For example:

- Policy variations between the former LHPAs meant drovers in some areas were able to leave their stock behind an electric fence and not be in attendance, while the rules governing TSRs in other areas required a stock manager to be in constant attendance.
- Annual Grazing Permits (AGPs) issued by the former North West LHPA were renewed annually, while Permits in the New England LHPA region were issued for a 3 year period.

All TSR related policies and procedures will be reviewed by the Northern Tablelands LLS in coming months.

The policies previously applied on each individual TSR will remain in place until the LLS review is finalised. The community will be given the opportunity to provide feedback on the new policies.



Staff changes

Travelling Stock Reserve administration, management and policy development is now the responsibility of the Land Services Division of Northern Tablelands LLS.

Contact details for key staff are provided below.

Staff from the Biosecurity and Emergency Services Division will continue to support people who require access to the system as they work along-side new staff to ensure TSR management is effectively transitioned to the new TSR team.



Northern Tablelands LLS TSR Management Team:

- **Ross Fuller:** Team Leader (*based in Inverell*).
Responsible for TSR team management and strategic direction.
- **Warwick Storm:** TSR Ranger (*based in Inverell*)
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Who is using the TSR network on the northern tablelands ?

Temporary Grazing				Walking Permits		AGPs	Apiarists
No. Permits	No. Cattle	No. Sheep	No. Horses	No. Permits	No. Cattle	No. Permits	No. Permits
381	37504	2030	16	4	283	294	45

TSR permit statistic for February/March 2014

Recreation

As a general guideline, passive recreation activities are permitted on TSRs during daylight hours:

Permitted activities		Illegal activities include:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bushwalking • Fishing • Bird watching • Horse riding • Nature observation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming • Picnicking • Cycling/mountain bike riding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timber removal/firewood collection • Soil, rock and water extraction • Motorbike/quad riding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four wheel driving • Camping in TSRs (unless permitted) • Dumping of rubbish • Hunting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery • Pig dogging • Trapping • Shooting

Further information



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