In 2018, the team at Local Land Services supported landholders across the state through what has been one of the toughest years on record. It has been particularly pleasing to witness the enormous efforts displayed by our staff, who have continued to connect our customers with the best services, advice and networks to support them through drought.

Our staff have been here when it matters, connecting with our customers at regular workshops and meetings, and have offered assistance to our farming communities. Offering ongoing advice to farmers and landholders as well as hands on support where possible, is part of our ‘boots on the ground’ approach. Over the past six months, our team have helped to connect landholders with support through 36,000 interactions with drought affected landholders. In June 2018, when 99% of the state was covered by one of the drought categories, these included:

- more than 600 farm visits
- responding to more than 3,100 telephone enquiries
- supporting more than 2,600 landholders at events.

Although the drought has been particularly challenging for landholders and our staff, it has been an opportune time to carry out significant pest management programs across the state. Increased funding through the pest levy rate has allowed our teams to provide additional services in biosecurity to protect NSW against pests and diseases.

Our programs and partnerships have continued to help us grow farm productivity and healthy environments. Many of these projects and programs would not be possible without the support of our funding partners – the National Landcare Program, an Australian Government initiative, and the Catchment Action NSW program, funded by the NSW Government.

This report showcases some of the outcomes we have achieved in partnership with the community and demonstrates what we have delivered across the state. Some of these successes include:

- adding Private Native Forestry (PNF) to our Sustainable Land Management function to increase the range of integrated services.
- managing our travelling stock reserves (TSRs) under a statewide plan, allowing us to protect these public assets into the future.
- launching the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan, demonstrating our commitment to fostering relationships, embracing diversity, enhancing respect and providing equitable opportunities for and with our First Nations Peoples across NSW.
- and continuing to provide agricultural production, animal health and pest animal advice and assistance to farmers.

On behalf of the Board and the staff at Local Land Services, I thank you for your support in 2018 and look forward to working with you in the coming year to help secure the future of agriculture and the environment for NSW communities.

Richard Bull
Chair, Local Land Services
We actively managed 441,027 ha of TSRs for biodiversity conservation, Aboriginal cultural heritage and recreation.

We helped protect 197,907 ha of native vegetation through rehabilitation and enhancement.

We protected 26,113,281 ha of land against pest animals through coordinated baiting programs.

We connected 10,400 land managers with advice and networks at 1,083 training events across the state.

More than 488,200 ha of land was managed for improved agricultural production.

Over 440,000 ha of land was protected against priority weeds.

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Our staff helped protect and restore 14,677 kms of rivers and estuaries through rehabilitation and enhancement.

Our vets and biosecurity officers conducted 4,419 on farm disease investigations.

There were 96 projects undertaken to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage or ecological communities.

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Grow
Our programs and partnerships grow farm productivity and healthy environments

Protect
Our services and partnerships play a vital role in helping to protect against pests, diseases and environmental threats

Connect
We connect our customers with the best services, advice and networks

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