



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Central West Local Land Services maintains a high level of emergency management trained staff who are capable of providing skills and resources to incidents and emergency events across the state. Continuing development of existing and new staff will be the primary focus in 2020/21, ensuring capacity to effectively resource emergency events as they occur within our region, and provide this support as required to events outside Central West Local Land Services. Central West Local Land Services educates land managers around the practical skills for 'on farm' emergency management prevention and preparedness that can reduce impacts, improve farm assets and greatly improve the recovery phase after an emergency event.



### Stakeholders engaged in delivery

NSW Police, NSW Department of Primary Industries (Agriculture and Animal Services Functional Area), Rural Fire Service, State Emergency Services, Local Emergency Management Committees, Local Government Areas, Australian Plague Locust Commission



### Regional priorities addressed

Economics: capacity to recover and/or manage change  
Disasters



### Funding source

Core services funded by rates. Responses funded by NSW DPI.

2020/21 will see continued focus on ensuring that our regional teams and processes are maintained, supported and prepared for any required response activities. NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) will continue to support this process through the provision of online and face to face training.

This year we will work towards improving our external relationships when it comes to emergency preparedness. Including the strengthening of relationships we share with our Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMCs) and improving stakeholders overall preparedness by working collaboratively across business. Staff will continue to represent Central West LLS through participation in LEMCs to ensure that an integrated approach to emergency management is in place across the region.

Two emergency exercise scenarios will be run by our region to address preparedness skills required for Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) or Emergency Plant Pest (EPP) events and other emergency events such as natural disasters or animal livestock transport accidents, where we act as part of Agriculture and Animal Services Functional Area (AASFA). One of these exercises will include external stakeholders such as DPI Staff and Industry members.

Increased Plague Locust activity over Spring has highlighted the need to improve landholders awareness on the plant pest and also our new staff members. Staff training and preparedness for plague locusts remains essential as these skills are universal and may be required to effectively manage flood or fire events within a Local Control Centre. This will be achieved with the combination of any DPI training and the development of internal workshops.

Existing partnerships with Police, NSW DPI and Animal Services Functional Area (AAFSA), Rural Fire Service (RFS), State Emergency Services (SES) operate under the NSW DPI Emergency Management Plan and staff may be recalled to work through management in the event of a sizeable EAD response within NSW or nationally.