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MINISTER LISTENS TO WILD DOG BOARD CONCERNS

NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Niall Blair, has confirmed the Wild Dog Destruction Board (WDDDB) will remain a stand-alone entity, following community consultation.

Mr Blair said after months of discussions with key stakeholders about the potential transfer of the WDDDB staff to Local Land Services (LLS), the transfer will not go ahead.

Instead, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be developed between LLS, the WDDDB and the NSW Department of Industry, Lands & Forestry.

The WDDDB will remain a semi-autonomous agency, supported by NSW Department of Industry, Lands & Forestry.

“A complete integration of the staff into LLS had been considered, but stakeholders could not see the benefits,” Mr Blair said.

“We will ensure the outdated award arrangements are reviewed and staff conditions and salaries improve through new enterprise agreements.

“We will retain the staff within the existing Department of Industry Lands and align services where appropriate.

“The combined view is that the quality of the work being carried out is of a high standard and there is nothing to be gained from changing the existing model.”

The current membership of the board will also remain and they will continue to play an important role in maintaining the wild dog fence that supports and protects the NSW pastoral industry from wild dogs.

Mr Blair said the decision was a good outcome for landholders and showed the Government was listening to the community.

“A key element of the proposed transfer has always been the continuity of service delivery and ensuring that operational arrangements for fence maintenance and inspections are unaffected, and that is exactly how it will remain.”

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