

LLS Board
Meeting 59, 21 October, 2020
Communiqué

Richard Bull chaired the 59th Meeting of the Local Land Services (LLS) Board, held via video conference.

Chairs in attendance were Ian Rogan, Susan Madden, Robert Webster, Derek Schoen, Bob Smith, Grahame Marriott, Barney Hyams, Allison Harker and Magnus Aitken. Board members attending as acting chairs were Robyn Parker and Russell Webb.

Local Strategic Plans

It was clarified that engagement on and the development of local strategic plans is the decision and responsibility of local boards and any information provided by the Committee or Executive is a guide only.

Chairs report

Election review interviews with board members have been conducted. The review report will be presented to the December Board meeting.

The Code of Conduct has been approved by the Board, a process for regular review of the code was discussed, and options for this include an online training module. Noting the method for engagement is a local board decision.

CEO report

The upgrade to myLLS is progressing, the PNF module was launched recently, the full FARMS replacement will be implemented early 2021.

KPMG is performing an economic analysis of TSRs, calculating existing capital and operating costs to provide LLS with the information required to run a new policy proposal to attract additional funding to support the TSR network. Analysis will include triple bottom line outcomes.

CFO report

The Board approved the Budget for the year ending 30 June 2021, subject to any budget changes as a result of the budget announcement on November 17, 2020 as recommended by the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee.

Decision items

The Board approved the LLS Aboriginal Engagement Strategy as recommended by the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Committee.

Presentations

Louise Orr, General Manager North Coast LLS and NRM portfolio lead provided the Board with a presentation on opportunities and rationale for LLS involvement in meeting Australia's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to reducing carbon emissions.

Louise Orr and Erlina Compton (General Manager Western LLS) are leading this initiative on behalf of LLS. Rationale for LLS involvement:

- The need to support the agriculture sector to transition to a decarbonised economy
- Unrealised agriculturally-based abatement opportunities in NSW
- Strong organisational fit
- The Board noted this is an exciting space for LLS to be involved and that the leaders of this initiative actively continue to seek opportunities on behalf of LLS

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