

Parties:

LLS

Local Land Services

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Background

- A. This statement of intentions is a foundation document for collaboration between Local Land Services (LLS) and Landcare NSW Limited (LNSW). It underpins the relationship between the parties at the State level and provides guidance for building complementary relationships at regional and local levels.
- B. LLS is a body corporate established by the *Local Land Services Act 2013* (NSW) and is structured within the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.
- C. LNSW is an Australian company and is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission as a charity.
- D. The Parties have different roles and strengths but share a common purpose in fostering communities to address complex challenges faced by land managers in natural resource management, biosecurity, farm productivity, and community resilience.
- E. This statement of intentions describes how LLS and LNSW can work together to complement each other's strengths and respect each other's roles in delivering programs, projects and initiatives.
- F. This statement is not a formal agreement and is not legally binding on the parties.
- G. LLS and LNSW acknowledge and agree that the terms and conditions of any funding deed or other binding agreement between the parties will take precedence over and above the intentions outlined in this statement.

Statement

1. Commencement and duration of Statement

- 1.1. This statement of intentions supersedes any prior memorandum of understanding or other similar arrangement between the parties. The statement of intentions will operate continuously from the date the last party signs this document and will remain applicable between the parties until it ends in accordance with clause 1.2.
- 1.2. This statement of intentions will end at a time agreed between the parties or with either party providing the other three months written notice of the intention to bring the arrangement to an end.
- 1.3. Only the Chair of LNSW or the Chief Executive Officer of LLS can agree to end this statement of intentions or provide notice of intention to end the arrangement.

2. Nature of this statement of intentions

- 2.1. The statement 'Landcare NSW and Local Land Services are stronger together in achieving outcomes for the communities and landscapes of New South Wales' encapsulates the benefits and purpose of the relationship between the parties.

3. Objectives of the statement of intentions

- 3.1. LLS and LNSW, working together, may provide guidance and a framework to build and maintain a productive relationship between the parties to fulfil their respective missions as follows:
 - (a) LNSW – to advocate for the environment and enable our members to care for Country and nurture productive and resilient landscapes and communities; and
 - (b) LLS - to build and sustain resilient communities in productive and healthy landscapes.
- 3.2. LLS and LNSW intend to harness their joint knowledge, skills and resources to generate greater value than would otherwise be achieved by LLS and LNSW working in isolation.
- 3.3. LLS and LNSW to agree on values and principles to underpin the relationship at all levels while respecting the inherent differences between LLS and LNSW's state, regional and local governance structures.
- 3.4. LLS and LNSW to uphold practices that support a healthy productive relationship between them including (where possible):
 - (a) developing the key principle of co-design, co-governance and co-delivery; and
 - (b) participating in strategic planning to address risks and maximise present and emerging opportunities to achieve shared goals.

4. Communication

- 4.1. LLS and LNSW may inform and consider each other's input with respect to communications with the media or third parties, and any public communications, that involve issues of mutual interest or issues which concern the other party unless governed under another deed or agreement.
- 4.2. Where possible, if a matter involves issues of mutual interest, LLS and LNSW may work together to develop a joint and consistent approach to the communications strategy and may agree on potential co-branding arrangements.

5. Decision making

- 5.1. Wherever possible (or unless governed under a deed or agreement), decision making with regards to the objectives of this statement of intentions may be via consensus between LLS and LNSW and reflect the principles of collaboration, co-design and co-delivery. In some instances, this may not be possible due to matters of accountability or delivery, and this must be made clear at the time of decision making.
- 5.2. To ensure decisions are not unnecessarily delayed, consideration must be given as to whether the decision is operational or strategic.
- 5.3. Operational decisions may be made jointly by the Chief Executive Officer of LNSW (or an appropriate responsible person appointed by LNSW in the absence of a Chief Executive Officer), and the Chief Executive Officer of LLS (or an appropriate responsible person appointed by LLS in the absence of a Chief Executive Officer) and reported to the Joint Management Committee (JMC) as necessary.
- 5.4. Strategic decisions may be made by the JMC.

6. Governance

- 6.1. The JMC is jointly accountable for the health, growth and development of the relationship between LLS and LNSW.
- 6.2. The JMC will, where necessary, prepare information and updates for the Minister with portfolio responsibility for Landcare in NSW
- 6.3. The JMC is responsible for implementing the statement of intentions.
- 6.4. The JMC may be consulted with regards to programs, projects or initiatives involving or between the parties.
- 6.5. The JMC is generally comprised of:
 - (a) Chair of LNSW;
 - (b) Chief Executive Officers of LNSW and LLS;

(c) additional representatives of LNSW and LLS as agreed by the JMC;

(d) LLS and LNSW program managers; and

(e) Secretariat,

unless otherwise provided for in any JMC terms of reference.

7. General

7.1. **Review:** This statement of intentions, how it was enacted and how successful it is in guiding the relationship between LLS and LNSW will be reviewed annually by the JMC.

7.2. **Signatories:** Each party signs this statement of intentions as an acknowledgement that it will use its best efforts to work collaboratively with the other to reach the objectives and principles stated within.

Execution clauses

Local Land Services

Signed for and on behalf of the Crown in right of the State of New South Wales acting through **Local Land Services** by its authorised signatory but not so as to incur personal liability:

Kate Lorimer-Ward

Name of authorised signatory



Signature of authorised signatory

Chief Executive Officer

Position of authorised signatory

19 September 2025

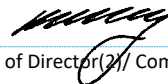
Date

Landcare NSW Limited

Signed for on and on behalf of Landcare NSW Limited in accordance with section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) by:



Signature of Director(1)



Signature of Director(2)/ Company Secretary

Director

Steve Bunnell

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29 September 2025

Date

21 September 2025

Date