



## Southern Local Community Advisory Group Meeting 1 Communiqué

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The Southern Local Community Advisory Group (the Group) held its first meeting on 14 August at Euston. In attendance were Phil Baird, Gus Whyte, Clive Linnett, Chris Stanmore, Trevor Joliffe, John McKeon and Jim Maynard. Marc O'Halloran and Cynthja Pappin were an apology. Ben Slingsby and Kaye Gottschutzke also attended on behalf of Local Land Services Western Region.

### **Role of the Group**

The Group endorsed its role, as outlined in the Draft Terms of Reference for the Community Advisory Groups, and discussed the format of meetings. It was agreed the Chair will forward the Group's views to the Western Local Board and that Local Land Services Western Region will provide secretariat support for the Group

### **Western Local Land Services Strategic Plan and the Biosecurity Plan**

The Group shared their feedback on the Western Local Land Services Strategic Plan and the Biosecurity Plan and agreed to forward this to the Board for discussion at their next meeting.

### **Stakeholder communications**

Strategies to enhance customer service to landholders in southern areas were discussed. It was agreed that the Local Land Services Western Region's restructure and appointment of additional staff will alleviate landholder concerns. There is a good connection in our region with the services that the Livestock Health and Pest Authority provided, by utilizing that we can promote all the other great services that Western LLS provide.

### **Travelling Stock Reserves and Watering Places**

The Group noted the review of Travelling Stock Reserves and Watering Places and asked to receive a copy of the State Plan and Management Plan upon release.

### **Changes to the Native Vegetation Act 2003 were discussed**

The review of the Native Vegetation Act 2003 was discussed and the Group asked to receive a copy of the independent panel's report when made public.

### **Baiting programs**

A discussion was held regarding 1080 baiting and holding injector training days. It was noted that Land Services Western Region will co-ordinate training days in regions where it is requested but do not provide funding or subsidies for the injectors.

### **Weed Advisory Groups**

Local Land Services Western Region will provide feedback on whether there are any weed advisory groups in the region and if they will be administering them.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for early 2016 with the date to be confirmed.