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ENROL TO VOTE IN LOCAL LAND SERVICES ELECTIONS

Chair of the Western Local Land Services Board, Tom Hynes, is encouraging local landholders to enrol to vote in elections for board members and to consider nominating themselves for a position.

“Nominations for board member positions are now open and will close on January 31, 2014,” Mr Hynes said.

“Just as important, however, is enrolling to vote as the electoral rolls of Livestock Health and Pest Authorities will not be automatically transferred to Local Land Services (LLS).

“All ratepayers can enrol to vote by completing an application form and lodging it before February 17, 2014,” he said.

Information on Local Land Services elections, including how to nominate and how to enrol to vote is available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices.

“This is a completely new organisation. Enrolling to vote for a board member or nominating yourself for a position provides a great opportunity for people to get involved in its formation,” Mr Hynes said.

“As the name says, it really is about local people managing their local area and it will be around for some time.

“We’re building Western Local Land Services from the ground up and the more people involved, the better it will be at delivering services for local people,” he said.

The inaugural Local Land Services Board Member elections will take place on March 12, 2014.

Ratepayers will elect four members to join the five Western Local Land Services Board Members appointed by the NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson. They are Tom Hynes, Ben Barlow, Justin McClure, Jim Maynard and Marie Russell.

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Caption: Tom Hynes, Chair of the Western Local Land Services Board.