



The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP

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TERRY RYAN TO LEAD LHPA REVIEW

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, today announced the independent consultant who will conduct the review of the NSW Livestock Health and Pest Authority (LHPA) model.

Katrina Hodgkinson announced in late July that the review will be conducted in light of ongoing concerns with the model put in place by the former Government in 2009.

“Policy and economic analysis specialist, Mr Terry Ryan, has been appointed to conduct this review,” Katrina Hodgkinson said.

“Mr Ryan is an independent agricultural and energy economic consultant who has a wealth of experience in agriculture and policy development, and has published extensively on economic policy issues.

“His previous career includes being Policy Director for the NSW Farmers’ Association and he has worked for the then Industries Assistance Commission and the New Zealand Treasury.”

Ms Hodgkinson said Mr Ryan will be advised by a Steering Committee, made up of Government and industry representatives. The Steering Committee includes:

- Dr Richard Sheldrake - Director General, NSW Department of Primary Industries
- Ian Donges - Representative of the LHPA State Council
- Charles Armstrong - Representative of the NSW Farmers’ Association

Ms Hodgkinson also released the Terms of Reference and said stakeholder meetings will be held later this year.

“I want to ensure landholder consultation is both wide and effective. Hence, there will be regional consultation meetings and public submissions will be sought.

“The services delivered by the Livestock Health & Pest Authorities play a major role in animal health, pest management and biosecurity across NSW. We need to ensure these services provide value to the primary producers and non-urban landholders of the State.

“I look forward to seeing Mr Ryan’s final report by the end of November this year,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

The Terms of Reference are available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au. An Issues Paper is being developed as a guide for submissions and their lodgement and this will be published soon on www.dpi.nsw.gov.au.