



# The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP

## Minister for Primary Industries

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#### INAUGURAL ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTED TO REPRESENT LICENSED HUNTERS

NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, has today announced the appointment of the inaugural Game and Pest Management Advisory Board.

Ms Hodgkinson said the Board – created as a result of the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government's *Game and Feral Animal Control Amendment Bill 2013* – will represent the interests of licensed game hunters in NSW.

“The appointment of this Board is the final step in implementing the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government's landmark reforms to the oversight and representation of licensed hunters in NSW,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“I have appointed seven members to the Board, whose combined experience, background and qualifications will provide me with balanced advice on game and feral animal hunting and pest management in NSW.

“We received great interest from people across the State and the successful members have been carefully selected, based on their varied skills and interests, in order to best reflect the views of licensed hunters in NSW.

“I am particularly interested to hear from this board about key game and feral animal control measures, as well as what it sees as key priorities for expenditure on research & development and any educational campaigns that would benefit NSW licensed hunters.”

The Board will be supported by the Department of Primary Industries Game Licensing Unit, and will hold its first meeting in December.

The inaugural members of the Game and Pest Management Advisory Board:

- **Emeritus Professor Robert Mulley (Chairman)** is an internationally renowned leader amongst wildlife management scientists, with expert knowledge in agriculture, vertebrate pest management, wildlife management and sustainable land use.
- **Scott Atkinson** is a former police officer with an excellent understanding of hunting issues and stakeholders. He has a special interest in hunter education, training, safety and compliance.
- **Kathleen Clapham** is a high-school teacher from the Blue Mountains passionate about outdoor education and healthy living. She has also been actively educating the community about firearms safety for the past 15 years.
- **Dr Justin Clarke** is a registered veterinary surgeon with particular interest in wildlife veterinary programs and research initiatives.

- **Christine Hall** is a regional landholder with a property bordering a NSW State Forest. She is highly skilled in pest animal management and education and uniquely placed to understand the needs of both landholders and hunters.
- **Associate Professor Graham Hall** is an internationally renowned consultant and scientist on wildlife and insect management, responsible for the development of the first ever game management university degree at the University of Queensland.
- **David Voss** is a project management professional, accredited workplace trainer and assessor; he is well versed in managing competing interests in a challenging environment.

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