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**LOCAL LAND SERVICES FINALISES WILD DOG STRATEGY**

NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, and Member for Ballina, Don Page, have today been presented with the Local Land Services' Wild Dog Strategy, at the organisation's Board of Chairs meeting in Ballina.

Ms Hodgkinson said the Local Land Services' Wild Dog Strategy – the culmination of months of work by a cross-regional wild dog taskforce – will provide direction on how the organisation can better assist farmers and land managers with on-ground management.

The Board of Chairs, made up of the 11 regional Chairs, provides strategic direction for Local Land Services, which offers agriculture, emergency management, biosecurity and natural resource management services to landholders and communities throughout NSW.

“Local Land Services has been operating for nine months now, delivering a new standard of customer service to farmers, landholders and communities in NSW,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“There was a clear and demonstrated need to reform the broken model of regional service delivery in NSW, which the previous Labor Government left behind after 16 years of neglecting the primary industries sector.

“We now have in place a flexible and locally driven regional service delivery organisation in Local Land Services, delivering biosecurity, agriculture, emergency management and natural resource management services to landholders and communities in NSW.”

Ms Hodgkinson said wild dogs are a major issue for landholders across the State.

“Whether here on the North Coast, in the far west or on the Southern Tablelands, our farmers and landholders are battling to control wild dogs, which can have devastating impacts for livestock businesses,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“Wild dogs and other pests and diseases do not respect lines on maps, which is why it is imperative that a true cross-regional and tenure-neutral approach is taken to control.

“I am pleased that Local Land Services put in place a cross-regional taskforce to examine how it can better assist landholders with controlling wild dogs.

“This plan will provide direction to Local Land Services' on-ground control program, and will also feed into the NSW Government's broader Wild Dog Management Strategy, which is being reviewed ahead of its expiry next year.”

Mr Page said Local Land Services is delivering a range of initiatives on the North Coast.

“Beef Production Focus Groups formed by North Coast Local Land Services are working to improve productivity, profitability and sustainability issues,” Mr Page said.

“Recent topics have included cattle health programs and low stress stock handling for improved market compliance. The members of these focus groups collectively manage nearly 11,000 breeding cattle over 23,300 hectares of the North Coast.

“North Coast Local Land Services is working to address high-priority weed problems and is coordinating an interagency taskforce working on floodplain infrastructure management, improved farming practice and riparian restoration of the Richmond River Estuary.”