

Local Land Services and Landcare NSW Joint Management Committee

A Statement of the Partnership in Approach to National Landcare Program Phase 2

Partnership Statement

Landcare NSW and Local Land Services as a government and community partnership are **stronger together** in achieving outcomes for communities and landscapes.

Statement of Expectations

In 2015 Local Land Services and Landcare NSW formed a partnership and developed a Memorandum of Understanding. The partnership was formed on the recognition that the organisations share many goals and would be stronger by working together. This approach has already been shown to be effective.

The National Landcare Program Phase 2 provides a rare and important opportunity to build on the many regional partnerships we already see across the state and to build an integrated approach to reaching our goals throughout NSW. This will require leadership and commitment from both organisations at all levels, recognising that collaboration takes time and effort but its rewards are great.

As the Chairs of our respective organisations we are committed to driving a partnership approach to the development of regional planning and implementation of the National Landcare Program.

This statement builds on individual statements we have made and formalises our commitment to collaboration. Through this statement we set out our expectations of a partnership approach and set principles around how we see the mechanics of this approach rolling out.

We have agreed to review progress at the regional scale on a fortnightly basis. For Local Land Services this will be led by the CEO, for Landcare by the State Landcare Facilitator. It is our expectation that Local Land Services and Landcare will work together in a genuine and open process to unite the strengths of our organisations, to make our regional bids successful and to deliver results for our communities. This is also in line with the guidelines and expectations of the Federal Government. Not only will this foster better outcomes on ground, it will also provide a strong foundation to underpin the tender process.

Our expectation is that the NLP tenders and applications will be designed as a *deliver with approach not a deliver to approach*. Partnership means sitting at the table together as equals working to deliver shared goals.

Reflecting the MOU, we expect the following principles to underpin the regional approaches used to develop the investment opportunities of the NLP.

We thank all staff, managers, volunteers and stakeholders and look forward to achieving results together.

Principles

- Shared and agreed common goals;
- Appropriate and strategic collaboration;
- Effective communication between parties;
- Strong support of capacity and leadership within community groups;
- Sharing knowledge in a framework of trust;
- Investing time in relationships;
- Transparent decision making;
- Practical support and capacity being provided for leaders, drivers and staff;

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