



The Hon. Troy Grant MP

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Mr Rob Dulhunty
Chairman
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Dear Rob

It was great to see you yesterday in Dubbo for the 2015 campaign launch for the NSW Nationals as we make our case for re-election.

I had the great pleasure of working closely with Landcare NSW during my three years as Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources. On many occasions I was able to view first-hand the tremendous contribution made by Landcare volunteers to rural and regional NSW. I also came to appreciate that Landcare's success has always been built on partnerships between governments and the community.

That's why it gave me immense personal pleasure to commit a re-elected Baird Government to build on the existing relationship between the NSW Liberals & Nationals and Landcare NSW. Over the next four years, our \$15 million commitment will renew this relationship and unlock the full potential of the thousands of volunteers in the network.

This funding will deliver a network of locally-based co-ordinators who will work with local Landcare groups to deliver strategically aligned programs as well as providing support and guidance.

We look forward to working with Landcare NSW to design a centralised support team that will increase the activity and effectiveness of the Landcare network through a consistent approach to building community capacity across the State.

A key aspect of this commitment by the NSW Liberals & Nationals is facilitating the transition towards financial stability of the Landcare network. Over the four years we will work to create the basis for the long-term sustainability for the network, enabling the volunteer effort to be supported well into the future.

The intention of the NSW Liberals & Nationals is that volunteer land-carers will be able to get on with restoring their local sites - which is why they got involved in the in the movement in the first place.

While the overarching objectives and outcomes from this program have been developed after consultations with senior representatives of Landcare NSW, I believe it is appropriate that specific detail should be finalised after consultation between the relevant minister, the farming community and Landcare NSW, should we be returned to Government. As has been the case to date, I expect these negotiations would take place in the spirit of good faith,

with a view to ensuring the best possible outcome for the Landcare network and the taxpayers of NSW.

I look forward to growing our partnership as part of our commitment to rebuilding and restoring rural and regional NSW.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Troy Grant', written over a large, loopy, oval-shaped flourish.

Troy Grant MP
Deputy Premier