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BOOST FOR NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, and Minister for the Environment, Rob Stokes, today announced a boost for natural resource management with \$79.5 million committed over the next three years.

Ms Hodgkinson said the partnership, between the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and Local Land Services, reinforces the NSW Government's support for natural resource management.

"Local Land Services is a new way of thinking about regional service delivery, and today's announcement ensures that an important funding pillar of the organisation is locked in for the next three years," Ms Hodgkinson said.

"This crucial partnership agreement will see funds delivered through new regional service delivery organisation, Local Land Services.

"This funding will be allocated across the 11 Local Land Services regions and invested according to regional strategic plans to meet State-wide priorities.

"We know that healthy soil, vegetation, water and biodiversity underpin agricultural production and vibrant communities."

Mr Stokes said the OEH funding from Waste and Environment Levy is provided to Local Land Services to deliver on-ground regionally-based natural resource management programs.

"Biodiversity conservation, threatened species management, Aboriginal cultural heritage protection and native vegetation management programs are all set to benefit from this funding," Mr Stokes said.

"Consistent with Cabinet's commitment this funding sees the waste levy dollars being returned to regional areas.

"This will also include pest and weed management programs that support state and regional scale investment priorities.

"The funding also recognises the value of protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage including significant sites and traditional knowledge through natural resource management projects."

Local Land Services delivers biosecurity, agricultural and natural resource management services to landholders and rural and regional communities in NSW, following the consolidation of a number of separate organisations earlier this year.