

Making the right choices for your land

a guide for new land holders

Finding the answers to these questions will build your confidence to move forward.



Landcare

Landcare is a grass roots organisation that has been in the Hunter since its inception in 1989. Originally started by neighbouring landholders talking over the fence, Landcare has grown into a powerful organisation right across Australia. Landcare is a powerful network of people with valuable local knowledge actively caring for the land and water that sustains us.

To learn more about Landcare in the Hunter contact Nev Reis, Hunter Regional Landcare Facilitator Ph: 02 4938 4959 or E: nev.reis@lls.nsw.gov.au

Hunter Local Land Services

Local Land Services works collaboratively to encourage shared responsibility by involving communities, industries and non-government organisations in relation to the provision of local land services. We work with all landholders, farmers, Aboriginal communities, local government, state agencies, Australian Government and industry in the delivery of agricultural advice, natural resource management, biosecurity and emergency management services.

All enquiries are welcome, Ph: 1300 795 299 or E: admin.hunter@lls.nsw.gov.au

Real Estate agents

Real Estate agents can often be a wealth of local knowledge. It is wise to investigate fully the local area and/or the enterprise you have in mind through a number of local sources. ---



Land capability

- What 'Land class/es' do I need for my enterprise?
- Do I know how many animals or plants per hectare are required for the 'land class/es' of my enterprise? see 'The land and soil capability assessment scheme: second approximation' by NSW Office of Environment & Heritage.

visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au or www.hunter.lls.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/land-capability

- Are the soil types suitable for my enterprise?
 - How will seasonal conditions affect my enterprise?
 - Do I know how to maintain the land in good condition?
- For free technical soil reports visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/eSpadeWebapp/
- Do I know how to maintain the land in good condition?
- for month's seasonal condition reports visit www.lls.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/seasonal-conditions



Infrastructure

- Do I require roads, fencing, yards, shed, machinery to run my enterprise?
 - Do I need water or a water licence to run my enterprise?
- visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/content/agriculture/farm/planning
- visit www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-management



On-going finances

- Have I developed a business and property plan?
 - Have I networked with like-minded enterprise group/s?
 - Have I obtained financial advice?
- visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au

