Over the past year, the Board and staff of North Coast Local Land Services have placed priority on delivering services and partnerships to assist ratepayers, landholders and communities meet the diverse needs of our Region. The North Coast is considered the most agriculturally and environmentally diverse in the State.

North Coast Local Land Services, within our overall goal of helping to secure the future of farming and the environment for NSW communities, is implementing a business model based on an integrated and collaborative approach for service delivery. We partner with public and private organisations to deliver services which improve the resilience, self-reliance and preparedness of communities; support biosecure, profitable, productive and sustainable primary industries; and facilitate healthy, diverse and connected natural environments.

The strength of our strategic approach secured funding allocated on a competitive basis from the Australian and New South Wales Governments for projects to conserve and protect the Marine Estate as well as the World Heritage and other values of the natural environment.

The team had several key achievements in 2018 including:

- Increasing the capacity of land managers to improve primary production and natural resource management through well attended workshops and field days
- Veterinarians and biosecurity officers working with landholders to deliver improved onground biosecurity outcomes and conducting a range of investigations to exclude and/or manage emerging animal diseases
- Implementing the first North Coast Regional Strategic Pest Animal Management Plan. The Plan has a dual focus of improving the control of pest animals on North Coast (e.g. wild dogs, foxes, feral cats and deer) and working with landowners and communities to deliver biosecurity obligations
- Effective emergency response support for animal welfare and agriculture services to land owners and communities. Examples include: initial and ongoing management of Yellow Crazy Ant incursion in and around Lismore; various storm and bushfire events impacting on primary producers; and numerous transport accidents involving animals.

Thanks to all.

Bob Smith  
Chair, North Coast Local Land Services
We actively managed 5,834 ha of TSRS for biodiversity conservation, Aboriginal cultural heritage and recreation.

We helped protect 2,386 ha of native vegetation through rehabilitation and enhancement.

We protected 347,827 ha of land against pest animals through coordinated baiting programs.

We protected 19 ha of wetlands through rehabilitation and enhancement.

278 ha of significant species and endangered ecological communities were enhanced, rehabilitated and protected.

Over 896 ha of land was protected against regional priority weeds.

More than 260 ha of land was managed for improved agricultural production.

There were 3 projects undertaken to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage or ecological communities.

Our vets and biosecurity officers conducted 520 on-farm disease investigations.

We improved the soil condition on more than 626 ha for agricultural production.

There were 75 agreements which helped grow and protect native vegetation through rehabilitation and enhancement.
Grow
Our programs and partnerships grow farm productivity and healthy environments

Protect
Our services and partnerships play a vital role in helping to protect against pests, diseases and environmental threats

Connect
We connect our customers with the best services, advice and networks

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