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### **CHANGES FOR PRIVATE NATIVE FORESTRY**

Local Land Services (LLS) will be responsible for managing approvals and providing advice to landholders on private native forestry opportunities from late April, Minister for Lands and Forestry Paul Toole said today.

“The NSW Government is committed to enhancing LLS as a one-stop shop for a range of essential services for those on the land,” Mr Toole said.

“With offices and staff across the State, LLS is well-placed to be the place for advice and approvals when it comes to native forestry on private land.”

From April 30, landholders wishing to undertake native forestry operations will need to obtain permits through LLS rather than the NSW Environment Protection Authority, which will maintain responsibility for compliance and enforcement.

“Private native forestry makes a substantial contribution to the supply mix for the NSW native timber sector and plays an important role in our vision for the NSW forestry industry,” Mr Toole said.

On the North Coast, timber from private native forests accounts for almost half of the overall supply of native timber to the industry, and supports around 100 harvesting and haulage businesses.

“Private native forestry is a sustainable land management practice that provides landholders with an ongoing revenue stream and supports timber milling jobs,” Mr Toole said.

LLS will review the Private Native Forestry Codes of Practice later in 2018 to ensure they continue to support a sustainable and productive industry.

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