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Dear Landholder



RE: Local Land Services Election

TOLARNO STATION 1851 Pty Ltd

My name is Kate McBride and I am standing as a candidate for the Western Region Local Land Services Board in the 2017 elections.

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I was born and brought up on Tolarno Station in the western division and have had a great love for the area from a very young age. My family and I run purebred merinos, poll shorthorns and have a significant goat operation and due to this I have a good understanding of all aspects of farm life. Since finishing school I have spent a significant amount of time working on the property in all areas from mustering to promoting the plight of the Darling River when it was dry for eight months, creating a greater public awareness of the damage occurring to the ecosystem. This campaigning has led me to become involved in the the 'River Fellowship' initiative which is a program focussed on bringing leaders from across the Murray-Darling basin together to fight for healthy rivers for future generations by implementing a sustainable and fair basin plan.

I completed Year 12 in 2015 at Scotch College in Adelaide and received academic colours for my achievements. In 2016 I began studying a Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Adelaide however I have since transferred to a Commerce degree with agricultural electives where possible to gain a better understanding of the business and management side of agriculture. I am currently spending a mixture of time between Tolarno and Adelaide due to this study, however I will be available for any and all commitments if elected.

I have a firm grounding in all areas of agriculture and a good understanding of the challenges facing the landholders in the western region at this current point in time, including dingos and introduced species. I am eager to work closely with graziers and my local community to deliver the appropriate services required, further my knowledge and bring a new dynamic to the current board. As a young female and a progressive and future based sixth generation grazier on one of NSW's largest holdings I believe I will bring greater diversity onto the board and focus on the long term sustainability of the industry. From a very young age I have had a passion for all things agriculture and although I may not have the experience of others, I have a great skill set and am willing to learn quickly and do everything in my power to benefit the community I would be serving. I would appreciate your support in the upcoming elections, thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Kate McBride

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