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## Local Director nominations close this week

The NSW Farmers' Association is encouraging Members to consider nominating for Director positions on the Boards of the new Livestock Health and Pest Authorities (LHPA) this week.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says this election is a significant opportunity for interested landholders to become involved in decisions relating to agricultural land in NSW.

"The elections provide a chance for people who are interested in making a positive contribution to agriculture in NSW to become a Director of the newly established Authorities," Mr Laurie said.

"The Authorities address issues that affect all farmers, from drought relief to biosecurity, and successful nominees will be actively involved in local decisions and in the services the Authorities provide."

Six directors will be appointed for each Authority, with the exception of the Western and Darling Authorities where 10 and eight positions will be offered respectively, due to the size of the regions.

"The major functions of the Authorities include management of animal health issues, travelling stock reserves, pest animal and insect control, stock movement, management of stock identification and natural disasters."

Nominations close on Friday 8 May 2009 and all owners or occupiers of rateable land are eligible to be nominated to become a Director.

"The Association urges anyone seeking further information regarding the Director elections to visit the Livestock Health and Pest Authorities' website or contact their local Authority," Mr Laurie said.

More information on the Director elections can be found at [www.lhpa.org.au/director-elections](http://www.lhpa.org.au/director-elections)

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