

## Understanding Your Property

### By the Property Detective

#### Checking my property needs



A way by which it is possible to assess property needs is to make use of material that is available through our Local Land Services. Generally, Landcare groups are interested in smaller sites but many Landcarers are involved in their own farm management as a commercial farmer or as a blockie. The Local Land Service web site has a wealth of information regarding farming and farm management. For the smaller landholder, Hunter LLS has produced **Hunter Small Property Landholder Guide** to assist those who are unfamiliar with all the issues associated with having a rural landholding.

<https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/south-east/key-projects/every-bit-counts/resources/rural-property-ownership/small-property-landholder-guide-resources>

This web page supplies the guide, but also gives links to a range of other issues related to being a small holder. A summary list includes the following:

- People and planning
- Farm safety and emergencies
- Biosecurity
- Water
- Biodiversity
- Soils
- Livestock and grazing

Each of these have sub-headings that provide other links to more detailed information.

Many of these links have an application to the areas where Landcare groups operate.

**Small Farms Property Planning** is another useful booklet available at the NSW Local Land Service web site. It has information and worksheets for the landholder to complete to assist in developing a sound body of information regarding the property. This will reveal areas that may assist in raising farm productivity but also create more biodiversity.

[https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/1407451/Small-farms-property-planning-Single-Page-Fillable-form.pdf](https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/1407451/Small-farms-property-planning-Single-Page-Fillable-form.pdf)

Happy Investigating.

