

1. Purpose of this Invitation

NSW DPI acts in partnership with industry and other public sector organisations to foster profitable and sustainable development of primary industries in New South Wales. With a staff of approximately 3500 based at over 130 locations across the state, NSW DPI delivers a wide range of services to primary industries and rural communities, with an emphasis on front-line services.

NSW DPI undertakes a range of activities to prevent, prepare, respond to and help recover from various emergencies related to NSW DPI's responsibilities, including:

- animal (including fish) and plant pest & disease emergencies; and
- emergencies impacting on agriculture and animals, including plague locust outbreaks, bushfires, floods, oil spills etc.

The operations and other activities undertaken by or on behalf of NSW DPI in respect of such emergencies are examples of Emergency Operations for the purposes of this Invitation.

This Invitation:

- is for EOIs from suitable aircraft operators (each an "**Applicant**") to become prequalified service providers ("**Prequalified Operators**") to provide aerial support services (as detailed below) to NSW DPI on a 'call when needed' basis to assist with Emergency Operations (the "**Scheme**") and other operations identified by NSW DPI from time to time;
- is to be distinguished from separate invitations which may be issued from time to time by the NSW Rural Fire Service for and on behalf of the NSW Fire Agencies (which include NSW State Forests, a division of NSW DPI) for the provision of 'call when needed' aviation services to support emergency and other operations in respect of annual fire seasons.

Aerial support is sometimes required by NSW DPI in connection with the Emergency Operations described in **Part 0** (of the invitation for EOI), and may include the use of fixed wing Aircraft and Helicopters for the following principle tasks:

- (a) transport of personnel, livestock, fodder and equipment;
- (b) mustering;
- (c) spotting and survey; and
- (d) spray operations.

NSW DPI requires Prequalified Operators to provide Aircraft, Pilots, Aircrew and logistics support for the purpose of providing aerial support services (together the "**Services**") for such tasks on a 'call when needed' basis. Task Profiles developed for these principle tasks are detailed in **Part** Error! Reference source not found. (of the invitation for EOI)

Aircraft required by NSW DPI for such Services include light to medium Helicopters for transport of personnel, livestock, fodder and equipment, mustering, survey/spotting and spray operations and light fixed wing Aircraft suitable for transport, survey and spraying locusts.