

RICE MARKETING BOARD
2017 Election of Three (3) Board Members



Election Notice

The Electoral Commissioner for NSW as Returning Officer will conduct an election of three (3) producers' representatives to the Rice Marketing Board for the State of New South Wales. For this election the whole of the State of NSW is the electoral district.

Nominations

Nominations are invited on and from **Thursday 7 September 2017** to elect Three (3) Board Members.

Nomination forms and Candidate Information Sheet in support of Candidature are available from:

- NSW Electoral Commission's website at www.elections.nsw.gov.au; or
- NSW Electoral Commission, Level 25, 201 Kent Street, Sydney, telephone (02) 9290 5924; or
- Rice Marketing Board, Yanco Avenue, Leeton, telephone (02) 6953 3200

Eligibility for Nomination

Any person is eligible for nomination as a candidate. Candidates must give written consent to their nomination.

Qualifications for Nominating Candidates

Each candidate for election must be nominated by not less than six (6) persons (other than the candidate) each of whom have the prescribed qualifications.

The prescribed qualifications are set out in the Rice Marketing Regulation 2015 made under the *Rice Marketing Act 1983*. You can view the Regulation at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au, or on the Rice Marketing Board website at www.rmbnsw.org.au.

Lodgement of Nominations and Candidate Information Sheet in Support of Candidature

Completed Nominations and Candidate Information Sheet in Support of Candidature must be received by the Returning Officer, NSW Electoral Commission by no later than **12.00 noon, Friday 29 September 2017**.

Nomination forms can only be lodged with the Returning Officer at the NSW Electoral Commission:

- By hand: Level 25, 201 Kent Street, Sydney; or
- By post: PO Box 693, Grosvenor Place NSW 1220; or
- By fax: (02) 9290 5939; or
- By email: ballots@elections.nsw.gov.au

Any defect in a nomination must be rectified prior to the close of nominations at **12.00 noon, Friday 29 September 2017**. A nomination can only be withdrawn by a written, signed statement received by the Returning officer prior to the close of nominations.

Voting

Should the election be contested, a draw to determine the order of candidates' names on the ballot paper will be conducted at **2.00pm, Friday 20 October 2017** at the NSW Electoral Commission, Level 25, 201 Kent Street, Sydney. Candidates or their representatives are invited to witness the draw.

A postal ballot will be conducted to close at **12.00 noon, Monday 20 November 2017**. Voting material will be posted on **Wednesday, 25 October 2017**. The method of voting to be observed will be First Past the Post.

Any enquiries concerning this election should be directed to Diana Kosseifi at the NSW Electoral Commission, on telephone (02) 9290 5924.

John Schmidt
Returning Officer
NSW Electoral Commission