

# Regional Drought Resilience

The Tasmanian Government recognises the importance of farmers and communities being more prepared for, and resilient to, the impacts of drought, as climate change leads to increased incidence of extreme events such as drought.

## Preparing for drought impacts

Through its Future Drought Fund, the Australian Government has committed \$100 million each year to invest in drought resilience programs.

The Future Drought Fund is a long-term Commonwealth investment fund that provides secure, continuous funding to help Australian farmers and communities become more prepared for, and resilient to, the impacts of drought.

The Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program is one of eight foundational programs under the Future Drought Fund.

In Tasmania, Regional Drought Resilience Plans will be developed for the North, Northwest and Southern regions currently defined for emergency management/natural resource management.

The regional drought resilience plans will focus on sustainable ways to build resilience across the agricultural sector, supporting industries and regional communities.

The planning outcomes at a regional level are:

- Identified regional impacts of drought
- Developed regional management that strengthens drought resilience
- Identified innovation and initiatives that present opportunities to strengthen regional drought resilience
- Increased community understanding of drought resilience and participation in preparedness, and
- Improved natural resource management capability.

Project coordinators will work in regions to engage and partner with regional development authorities, local government, industry, business and community stakeholders to develop a regional plan.

Resilience and Recovery Tasmania, in the Department of Premier and Cabinet, will manage the overall program delivery.

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## Roadmap for action

The Regional Drought Resilience Plans will identify a roadmap of actions to prepare for, and manage, future droughts; with a focus on innovative ways to build drought resilience across a region's agricultural sector and allied industries.

The planning process will:

- Be community-led and owned through partnerships of local governments, regional organisations, communities and industry
- Identify actions to prepare for future droughts, with a focus on agricultural sector and allied industries
- Bring people together to share their local knowledge and perspectives
- Recognise that no two regions are the same
- Be evidence-based using best practice approaches to resilience, adaptation and transformation
- Build on existing planning, and
- Draw out regional needs and priorities to inform future investments.

***“Drought resilience is the ability to adapt, reorganise or transform in response to changing temperature, increasing variability and scarcity of rainfall and changed seasonality of rainfall, for improved economic, environmental and social wellbeing.”***

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## How you can be involved

To ensure the planning process in the regions maintain a consultative and collaborative approach, the local project coordinator will engage local stakeholders throughout the process.

Regional project advisory groups will provide advice for the development of each regional plan. These group members are an important link to the local community. This group is open to anyone in the area affected by the regional project to develop a drought resilience plan.

You are invited to participate in face-to-face meetings, forums and interviews and can also become involved via the [Drought-Ready TAS - Your Say](#) website. You can register via this website to participate in your region's planning. You will be able to receive information about local events, updates on the planning process, provide feedback, submit stories and your drought-ready ideas.

In consideration of the many stakeholders already engaged in the range of Future Drought Fund, climate change and farm business resilience projects in Tasmania, there will be the formation of a state-wide Project Reference Group. This group will consist of sector specific, peak industry and advocacy organisations of stakeholders brought together to discuss and deal with state-wide operational actions of regional planning for drought resilience.

For more information and to express your interest to be involved contact the Project Manager at [resilience@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:resilience@dpac.tas.gov.au)