



DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN

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| Have you applied previously for assistance from the NSW Rural Assistance Authority? (Please tick either 'Yes' or 'No') | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NOTE: If you select 'Yes' please provide your 6 digit BP number, if available. | BP: | |

A. APPLICANT DETAILS

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| Property Owner | | | |
| Trading Name | | | |
| Contact Details | | Fax Number | |
| Email Address | | | |
| Property Name | | | |
| Property Address | | | Postcode |
| Property Identification Code (PIC) | N | | |
| Local Government Area (LGA) | | | |
| Have you previously submitted a Water Availability Statement for the Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| Financial Year of Extension | <input type="checkbox"/> 2013/14 | | <input type="checkbox"/> 2014/15 |

Note: If you have already completed and had approved a Water Availability Statement for the Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate you may wish to consult and refer to that statement in the preparation of this Drought Management Plan.

B. PROPERTY OVERVIEW

Please provide an overview of your farming enterprise, plus the long term effect of the drought on your land, pasture and livestock.

C. RAINFALL (ANNUAL TOTALS)

| Years | Year to Date | Previous Year | 2 Years Previous |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Rainfall (mm) | | | |

Please comment on the current rainfall compared to previous years and if possible attach monthly rainfall figures for the property, along with comments on the effectiveness of the rainfall and impacts of other seasonal conditions.

D. LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

1. What is your normal long term stocking rate
2. What was your stocking rate during the drought

| Livestock Type | (a) Number of livestock on the property prior to the drought | (b) Livestock numbers on the property during the previous 12 months of the drought | Impact of drought on livestock numbers (a – b) |
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| Cows | | | |
| Heifers | | | |
| Steers | | | |
| Bulls | | | |

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|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Ewes | | | |
| Wethers | | | |
| Lambs | | | |
| Rams | | | |
| Other (Goats, Horses, Camels etc) | | | |

3. Have you at any time since the announcement by the Minister for Primary Industries introduced livestock onto your property?

Yes No

If Yes, please complete the following:

| Date when livestock were introduced onto your drought affected property | Number and class of stock | Reason why livestock were introduced onto your drought affected property (e.g. Forced off agistment) |
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4. Have you been forced to remove stock from you property in excess of normal turnoff during drought period (including up to 2 months prior to onset of drought)

Yes No

If Yes, please complete the following:

| Forced destocking | Year/Month | Numbers | Class |
|---|------------|---------|-------|
| Forced Sales | | | |
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| To Agistment | | | |
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| To Feedlots | | | |
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| Stock that have been humanely destroyed on animal welfare grounds | | | |
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5. Please comment on your livestock management practices, like early weaning, pregnancy testing, mating strategies and restocking program post drought.

E. GRAZING LAND MANAGEMENT

Please comment on your pasture type, availability, maintenance and the actions taken to reduce land degradation.

F. PRESENT FEEDING REGIME

Are you feeding fodder to drought-affected stock? Yes No

Duration of drought feed:

| <u>Fodder Type</u> e.g. Lick, Hay | <u>Ration</u> Kg/head/day | Number and class of livestock |
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Please provide further comments regarding the methods of drought feeding e.g. troughs, bins etc

G. WATER SUPPLY

| Water Supply | Numbers/Condition |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Bores (Artesian) | |
| Bores (Sub-Artesian) | |
| Troughs | |
| Dams | |
| Creeks / Rivers | |

Please comment if the water supply has been an issue for your property and outline steps taken to conserve, manage or improve supply. For example desilting dams and installing additional poly pipe and water troughs to improve water supply and distribution on the property.

Note: If you have already completed a Water Availability Statement for the Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate you may wish to refer back to that Statement. If the water supply situation has changed since the Statement was completed please outline the changed circumstances from the Statement was completed e.g. new water infrastructure that has been purchased.

H. FUTURE PROGRAM FOR CURRENT DROUGHT

This section is vital in assisting the Authority's decision whether to support your application for increased assistance. This section needs to address the strategies you intend to implement in the future to manage the drought conditions on your property.

Please also outline the actions you have implemented to manage drought since the last drought.

I. STATEMENTS

General Statement

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud the NSW Rural Assistance Authority or another person, files an application for assistance containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent act, which is a crime under the *Crimes Act 1900* and subjects the person to criminal penalties

Privacy Statement

The information in this statement is provided voluntarily and is being collected by the NSW Rural Assistance Authority for purposes related to the administration of the scheme of assistance under which you have applied, including the assessment of the effectiveness of the scheme. This may involve disclosing the information in this application to contractors engaged by the Authority or to either State or Commonwealth government agencies. We will supply you with details of those that we have disclosed information to, if you apply to us in writing. Information regarding your application may also be discussed and exchanged with the nominated contact persons listed by you in your application.

Not providing the information requested in this application or providing false or misleading or incomplete information may impact on the ability of the Authority to accurately assess your application.

The NSW Rural Assistance Authority agrees to take all reasonable measures to ensure that the personal information collected by it is stored securely.

You may access or correct your personal information by contacting the Authority by telephone on 1800 678 593 (toll free) or by writing to: Manager Administration, NSW Rural Assistance Authority, Locked Bag 23, ORANGE, NSW, 2800.

Calls to "1800" numbers from your home phone are free. Calls from public phones and mobiles may be timed and attract charges

Your statement

I/We understand that:

- deliberately giving false or misleading information is a serious offence
- the NSW Rural Assistance Authority can make relevant enquiries to ensure I receive my correct entitlement.
- any overpayment will be recovered.
- personal information is protected and can be given to someone else where state/territory or Commonwealth legislation requires or where I give permission.
- statistics may be collected and analysed in such a way as to protect my anonymity.
- any assistance I/we receive under this Rebate is to be applied in accordance with the Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme Information and Guidelines.
- the NSW Rural Assistance Authority may conduct an audit/inspection to ensure that any assistance I/we receive under this Rebate has been used in compliance with the Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme Information and Guidelines and not for any other purpose.

Prior to applying for this assistance I/we sought independent financial advice and the taxation implications of any assistance granted has been explained to me.

Signed..... Date/...../.....

Signed..... Date/...../.....

J. APPLICANT'S DECLARATION

I/We, (full name/s)of
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in the State of New South Wales, do hereby declare that the particulars provided in this application and supporting documentation are true and correct-

Signed..... Date/...../.....

Signed..... Date/...../.....

Please return completed Drought Management Plan to:

NSW Rural Assistance Authority
Locked Bag 23
ORANGE NSW 2800.

Telephone: 02 6391 3000 or Toll Free 1800 678 593

Facsimile: 02 6391 3098

Email: rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au

Website: www.raa.nsw.gov.au