

EMERGENCY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REBATE

SCHEME INFORMATION and GUIDELINES

Purpose:

To provide assistance to primary producers in drought affected areas with the establishment of water infrastructure to supply water for emergency animal welfare needs.

Assistance Available:

A rebate of 50 per cent of the cost of purchase, delivery and if applicable, the labour cost to engage a person to install water infrastructure purchased after the Minister for Primary Industries announcement of 20 November 2013 for emergency animal welfare need to a maximum of \$20,000 per enterprise.

This may be extended to \$30,000 on approval of your property's Drought Management Plan by the NSW Rural Assistance Authority.

Eligibility Criteria

To apply for this rebate the following conditions **must** be met:

- You are a property owner, share-farmer or lessee in the grazing industry (horses, beef or dairy cattle, sheep, goats or deer);
- Your property is within a drought affected area as announced by the Minister for Primary Industries;
- Your property is used for primary production and you are not a hobby farmer. A hobby farmer is a person who does not earn the majority of their income from the primary producer enterprise.
- You purchase and install the water infrastructure for emergency animal welfare need, because either;
 - ❖ water is currently being carted or about to be carted into your property to supply livestock where water supply has run out; or
 - ❖ your property could be reasonably expected to run out of water before the next expected inflow of water.
- You have provided a Water Availability Statement which indicates emergency water need;
- The water infrastructure is installed for livestock permanently residing on your property and not currently part of an agistment;
- You have not introduced any livestock onto the property during the current drought or in the three month period prior to the drought declaration (includes livestock taken on for agistment);
- You must make application for the rebate, for expenditure that occurred after 20 November 2013, within **six months** of the **purchase** of the infrastructure.

Eligible Costs

This rebate **applies** to the purchase and installation of water infrastructure including:

- pipes
- tanks
- bores
- troughs
- pumps
- other materials or equipment necessary to install the above

- any freight component to purchase and install the equipment
- the professional installation costs to install the water infrastructure.

Ineligibility

The rebate **does not** apply when:

- water infrastructure has been purchased and installed where there is not an emergency animal need
- water infrastructure has been purchased and installed in order to prepare the property for livestock returning from agistment. However, you may be eligible to claim the rebate on water infrastructure purchased and installed in order to prepare the property for livestock returning from agistment if the livestock have been forced from agistment and you can provide declaration and/or documentation of this fact.
- water infrastructure has been purchased and installed for uses other than to supply water for livestock
- livestock have been introduced or agisted on the property during the current drought or in the three month period prior to the drought declaration
- you have already received the maximum amount payable of \$30,000 per property, per financial year

This rebate **does not** apply to:

- wages for your employees or your self-assessed labour costs
- any costs or labour associated with desilting dams, making dams larger or maintenance on existing water infrastructure
- any costs or labour associated with establishing a new dam

Emergency Animal Welfare Need

For the purposes of this rebate it is considered an emergency animal welfare need when there is a lack of available water on your property, or you believe the water that is available will be insufficient to sustain the livestock on the property until the next expected inflow.

In determining whether a property has an emergency animal welfare need, you are to provide information in a **Water Availability Statement** about the current water availability on the property, the existing water infrastructure, your current watering procedures and existing watering points, along with information on what strategies you have undertaken on the property to reduce the effects of drought on your livestock.

Additional Assistance

Additional assistance for completion of works may be available through the Authority's Farm Innovation Fund. This scheme provides loans to a maximum of \$250,000 at a concessional rate of interest up to a maximum term of 20 years.

Additional eligibility and assessment criteria exist for applications under the Farm Innovation Fund.

To apply

Please forward completed **Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Application** together with **Water Availability Statement** and **Drought Management Plan** (for claims in excess of \$20,000) as well as any supporting documentation to:

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