

Local Government Drought Action Plan

Sustaining communities through drought

1 Partner with local government

Federal and State Governments establish a genuine partnership between all three levels of government, including through Federal funding of local drought resilience coordinators.

2 Reform drought governance arrangements

Queensland integrates drought into existing disaster management arrangements, thereby enabling a systematic approach to the prevention, preparation, response and recovery from the impacts of drought.

3 Support communities to better adapt to drought

Federal and State Governments undertake research, develop guidelines and provide funding to local government so that councils can prepare drought management plans with and for their communities.

4 Increase support for all drought-affected businesses

The Federal Government expands tax incentives, and State and Federal Governments expand programs, to assist both farm and non-farm businesses to better prepare for and manage drought.

5 Continue drought funding to communities

The Federal Government continues the Drought Communities Programme and relaxes the restriction on council employees to deliver DCP-funded projects.

6 Improve coordination and invest more in natural resource management

Federal and State Governments work collaboratively with local government on natural resource management strategies and priorities, as well as increase funding to help councils maintain stock routes and improve control of invasive species that negatively impact on agricultural productivity.

7 Restore Financial Assistance Grants to local government

The Federal Government restores Financial Assistance Grants to local government to at least 1% of total Commonwealth taxation revenue.

8 Make a sustained, increased investment in our regions

Federal and State Governments make a sustained, increased investment in our regions, including in water security, regional migration incentives and policies, Regional Deals on infrastructure and frontline service delivery.