

What is the Future Drought Fund?

- An enduring investment to help farmers and communities prepare for future droughts. Not in-drought support.
- \$100m each year for drought resilience activities.
- 4-year Funding Plan to guide spending.
- Expert Consultative Committee advises on the Plan and programs, in consultation with the community.

What are we trying to achieve?

- Give farmers and communities the tools and capabilities they need to prepare for, and live through, times of drought.
- Reduce drought impacts, and the need for drought support.
- Triple-bottom line objectives – increased economic, environmental and social resilience.

How will we ensure it's working?

- We have a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Plan
- We'll measure and report on changes in drought resilience, and the impact of each program and the Fund.
- Annual public reporting and regular evaluation, feeding into decisions about future programs
- Regular stakeholder feedback and input
- 4-yearly Productivity Commission reviews, starting 2023-24

Where are we up to?

- 4-year Funding Plan to guide investment started June 2020
- First round of foundational programs have progressively rolled out since 1 July 2020
- Second round of programs announced in Budget 2021-22. and will roll out in the second half of 2021
- Foundational systems developed (e.g. governance, M&E)

Driving adoption of new drought resilient technologies and practices - \$117.3 million to 2023-24

What we've done so far:

- Eight Adoption and Innovation Hubs around the country announced in April 2021, funded for 4 years
- Research and Adoption Investment Plan being developed

What's next:

- Hubs are co-designing detailed activity plans
- Innovation grants for development, adoption, extension & commercialisation activities – July 2021
- Each Hub supported to have adoption officers

Trial and adoption of land management practices that support landscape resilience - \$38million to 2023-24

What we've done so far:

- 80 projects commencing now.

What's next:

- Funding round in late 2021 - \$23m over 3 years.
- Targeting innovation and transformation.
- Consultation will occur on program design

Building social capital to drive change and support resilient communities - \$19.2 million to 2023-24

What we've done so far:

- Partnered with ARLF and FRRR to design programs to support leadership development, mentoring networks, community networks & organisations.

What's next:

- FRRR calling for a first round of applications to support community networks and organisations
- ARLF recruiting for leadership development and mentoring.
- Design next phase learning from early implementation experience.

Helping farmers and regional bodies plan for drought - \$119 million to 2023-24

What we've done so far:

- Each state and territory has designed programs to deliver to local context.

What's next

- Extend the programs to achieve change at a meaningful scale
- Small grants to take forward priority actions identified in regional plans

Making climate information accessible and useful - \$25 million to 2023-24

What we've done so far:

- Extensive end-user engagement in four pilot regions underway to understand information needs

What's next:

- Prototype Climate Services Platform and Self Assessment Tool available by July 2021 to support end-user engagement
- Functionality of the Platform and Tool progressively developed, including expansion beyond pilot regions to ultimately achieve national coverage.

