

DROUGHT INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE CONTACTS

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If you encounter problems with any of the contact details provided or know of other useful sources of assistance please notify Tahna Jackson at AgForce on 07 3236 3100 or email jacksont@agforceqld.org.au

Information or assistance on	Organisation (and website link)	Contact
State Government supports including management strategies and assistance: Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS) Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Individually Droughted Property (IDP) applications Mental Health Support Workshops Transport concessions including permits, fees and registration. School Transport Assistance Scheme Additional conveyance allowance.	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (Queensland) www.daf.qld.gov.au/environment/drought The FutureBeef website which includes livestock drought feeding information: http://futurebeef.com.au/drought/ Department of Transport and Main Roads Transport Concessions: www.tmr.qld.gov.au and search that website using the following terms: Natural Disaster and drought assistance and/or School Transport Assistance Scheme	DAFQ phone 13 25 23 Charters Towers (Karl McKellar) Call 07 4761 5153 Longreach (Kirsten Forrest) Call 07 4536 8302 Toowoomba (Ross Ballin) 07 4529 4168 Kingaroy (Damien O'Sullivan) Call 07 4160 0717 Rockhampton (Ken Murphy) Call 07 4843 2637
Climate information, seasonal outlooks, drought situation reports, etc.	The Long Paddock website www.longpaddock.qld.gov.au	Email rouseabout@dsiti.qld.gov.au
Concessional Loans to improve on-farm profitability, succession and encouraging young people into farming. Drought Loans to recover, manage and prepare for drought.	QRIDA http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/	Call 1800 623 946 to speak with your local area manager.
Weekly rainfall update, rainfall deficiencies, soil moisture, ground water water storage & Impact on drought	Bureau of Meteorology http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/ http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/rainfall/#tabs-rain-impact-on-drought	Call main switchboard on (03) 9669 4000
Help to identify financial/business options, negotiate with lenders, other services	Rural Financial Counselling Service North Queensland www.rfcsnq.com.au South Queensland www.rfcssq.org.au	North Queensland - (07) 4652 5666 South Queensland - (07) 4622 5500
Free basic legal advice - farm financial hardships including severe debt-related problems, disputes with lenders, etc.	Farm and Rural Legal Service http://www.legalaid.qld.gov.au/Get-legal-help/Our-services/Farm-and-rural-legal-service	Call 1300 65 11 88 or (07) 3247 0395
Land Rent deferral, annual water licence fee relief, and water infrastructure information and approvals	Department of Natural Resources and Mines https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/state/rents/drought-assistance/	Call 13 74 68 to identify your local business centre
Income support, Assistance for Isolated Children	Centrelink https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/subjects/payments-rural-and-remote-australians	Call 13 23 16 for drought assistance (8am to 8pm, Monday to Friday)
Commonwealth Government drought programs including: - Farm Management Deposits and tax relief Social and community support services	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Australian Government) www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/	Call 13 23 16 for the Drought and Farmer Assistance Hotline
Waiving of fixed electricity charges for farm purposes and deferral of bill payments	Ergon Energy - www.ergon.com.au/retail/business/account-options/drought-relief	Call 13 10 46
Family and personal support and financial assistance	The Salvation Army www.salvos.org.au	Call 13 72 58 (1300 371 288 for the Emergency Relief team)
Providing support to families in rural crisis, contact our Public Rural Crisis Fund.	Queensland Country Women's Association www.qcwa.org.au	Email prcf@qcwa.org.au
Practical assistance like fodder drops, household and property needs	Aussie Helpers www.aussiehelpers.org.au	Call 1300 665 232
Practical assistance like farm stay, emergency accommodation, medical assistance, assistance to rural communities via grant writers	Rural Aid Australia https://www.ruralaid.org.au/farmers	Call 1300 327 624
Practical assistance supplying farming communities with food, pre-paid visa's	Drought Angels http://droughtangels.org.au/	Tash 0447 129 681 Nicki 0409 548 414 droughtangels@gmail.com
Provides donated hay to drought affected farmers across Australia.	Burrumbuttock Hay Runners http://hayrunners.com/	Brendan 0439 322 605 info@hayrunners.com
Qualified counselling in managing tough times and wellbeing concerns	RFDS - QLD (Drought Wellbeing Service) https://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/qld/our-services/primary-health-care-services/drought-wellbeing-service/	Call (07) 3852 7544 Email: apower@rfd.com.au
Country Call back service 24/7 telephone support service for drought affected and isolated communities within rural QLD	UnitingCare Community www.uccommunity.org.au	Country Call back service - phone 1800 54 33 54
Personal support and assistance for self and family	Lifeline www.lifeline.org.au	Call 13 11 14 for the 24-hour Crisis Counselling Hotline
Relationship support services for individuals, families and communities	Relationships Australia www.relationships.org.au	Call 1300 364 277
Helping men deal with relationship issues in a practical way	Mensline Australia www.mensline.org.au	Call 1300 789 978
Help with personal issues including depression or anxiety	BeyondBlue www.beyondblue.org.au	Call 1300 224 636