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REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLANNING PROGRAM in the Kimberley & Pilbara regions

The Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program has been established and funded under the Australian Government's \$5 billion Future Drought Fund (FDF). This fund is allocating \$100M annually to projects that support farmers and communities to become more prepared for and resilient to the impacts of drought.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the Kimberley and Pilbara Development Commissions have joined forces to deliver a combined Regional Drought Resilience Plan for their regions.

The 2024 RDRP will cover the:

- Shires of Broome, Derby West Kimberley, Halls Creek and Wyndham East Kimberley
- City of Karratha, Shires of Ashburton, East Pilbara and the Town of Port Hedland









Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development





The Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program is jointly funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and the WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.



This plan builds of the success of the RDRP program pilot which was rolled out in 2021-22 across the Southern Wheatbelt, Inland Great Southern, and Northern Midwest regions of WA.

IMPLEMENTATION

Regional drought resilience plans are community-led plans that present projected impacts of drought based on the best available evidence.

The plans will contain an assessment of drought risk and adaptation pathways, based on expert input and extensive stakeholder consultation.

Once completed, the regional drought resilience plans will include a pipeline of investable drought resilience projects that address the specific needs and priorities of agriculture and allied industries to inform future investments in drought resilience and adaptation in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Consultation will be undertaken across the Kimberley and Pilbara to properly understand and identify:

- What a drought resilient region looks like
- Existing strengths to build upon
- Gaps to be addressed
- Evidence-based priorities
- Priority actions for investment

This process will be supported by a Project Advisory Group to provide the best possible cultural, social and technical information is available.

NEXT STEPS

Following consultation and review the regional drought resilience plan will be submitted to the Commonwealth for approval. Funding will then be made available to implement joint projects to improve drought resilience across the Kimberley and Pilbara regions.

We respectively acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country across the Kimberley and Pilbara regions. We recognise the connection of Aboriginal peoples to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to the their Elders and leaders, past, present and emerging.