

## Submission for FUTURE DROUGHT FUND ACT 2019

The current Complex Rules will NEVER allow any of this MONEY to Actual Farms regardless of Size.

Under Current Ownership Rules for the following, Title Deeds, Rate Notices, PIC Numbers and Biosecurity Certificates are issued in the Names of the Land Holders ONLY, no other Members of the Public can be listed on these Official Documents.

Why do applicants have to Provide evidence that this Money will “enhance public good”.

A more open view and Re-wording of this Rule is desperately needed.

For Example, if Grants of \$20,000 to \$100,000 were given to Small to Medium Farming Business this then De-centralizes to locations all over Australia not just one Big Business near a larger City.

Grants to Small and Medium Operations would help immensely with Drought Resilience Planning and more Benefits to the Public.

The benefits of this in turn would be Farming Business spending Money in their Local Communities with Local Business which then creates Employment, helping those Employees stay in smaller Towns stay with their Families.

This then creates spending with other Business and further Employment.

Farming covers much Diversity and the ongoing need for a Huge Range of requirements to support these Farming Activities which creates spending on Fuel, Machinery, Parts, Tyres, Tools, Food, Rates and Registration of Vehicles and Social Functions and much more which then has provided a Roundabout of many benefits to Local Public.

Innovation and Online Lectures does not meet the needs of the Older Farmer.

Ex; Many Older Males do not know how to operate a Computer and are not linked for these Lectures. Everyone's Farming Business is different and for Innovation to be adapted also Requires Huge Amount of Money to change Machinery to cope with New Innovation and much Loss of Income while awaiting the results of Change. This does Create BARRIERS.

Local Council's should be able to apply for Rural Road Funding. Allow a group of Neighbors

To apply for Road Funding that could be used to improve access for many. Current situation is that Local Councils won't even GRADE Dirt Roads and Press Legal action if Landholders take their own Action. Gone are the days of Horse and Cart, all Grain Crops today need Large Machinery and Trucks to allow the Grower to Sell his Produce.

Take into account the Many Generation Farming Families passing their Ground to 4 & 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Family Members. Share these Grants around and give the Younger People a chance to IMPROVE and Build on what they have inherited.