



From 20 October to 6 December 2023 stakeholders were invited to help inform the next phase of Future Drought Fund investment from 2024 to 2028. This is what stakeholders said.

Who participated



MEETINGS







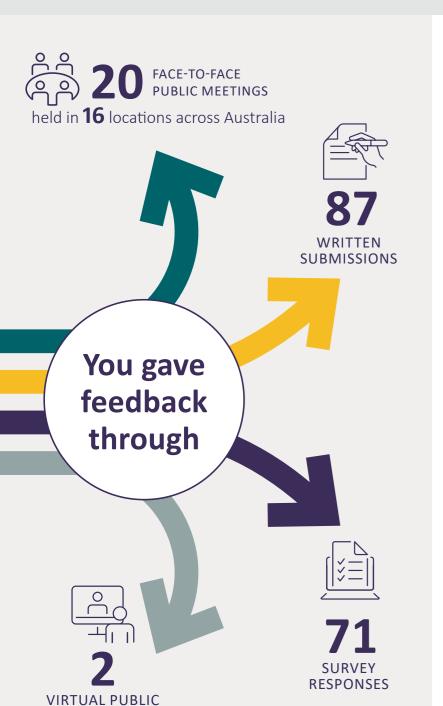








You had your









From 20 October to 6 December 2023 stakeholders were invited to help inform the next phase of Future Drought Fund investment from 2024 to 2028. This is what stakeholders said.



Most stakeholders supported the draft Drought Resilience Funding Plan as a high-level framework to guide spending.



You endorsed the vision, aim and strategic objectives of the Future Drought Fund specifically the interconnected objectives of drought and climate resilience including economic, environmental, and social resilience aspects.



You asked for flexibility in the application of funding principles to reflect the unique and often changing circumstances of farmers and communities.



You asked for a more explicit consideration of:

- Robust governance, monitoring, evaluation and learning.
- Best value and evidence-based proposals.
- Increased participation by a diverse range of stakeholders.
- Increased engagement with and outcomes for First Nations peoples and communities.
- Improved integration and avoiding duplication.
- Improved communication and collaboration.



The **Drought Resilience Funding Plan (2024-2028)** which came into effect on 9 February 2024 reflects stakeholder feedback.

Most stakeholders agreed with proposed investment priorities outlined in the draft Investment Strategy.



Place-based Action & Partnerships

You wanted more partnerships with a diverse range of stakeholders to ensure a place-based approach, to meet local needs.



Information, Skills and Capacity Building

You wanted a focus on cultivating broad skills including farm risk and land management and building personal resilience including mental health and wellbeing.



Agricultural Landscape Management

You wanted a focus on improving landscape function, including through integrated activities, while avoiding duplication.



Innovation and Transformation

You wanted a balanced and fair approach to driving change through new ideas and extension of tried and tested tools and practices.



Enabling Activities

You wanted greater prioritisation and investment in knowledge sharing and monitoring, evaluation and learning.

YOU ALSO ASKED FOR:

- Fewer, better aligned, integrated, sequenced and longer-term programs through co-design to avoid duplication.
- More detail on proposed funding areas and activities.



Stakeholder feedback is being considered to help **inform early program design**.

The **FDF Investment Strategy (2024 to 2028)** will provide detailed information about the operation of the FDF and priority areas of investment.