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MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY
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INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Draft Drought Resilience Funding Plan

The Future Drought Fund provides secure, continuous funding for investments that support Australian farmers and regional communities to prepare for, and become more resilient to, the impacts of future droughts.

The Drought Resilience Funding Plan is the guiding legislative instrument of the Future Drought Fund. It outlines the intent of the fund and documents the funding principles that apply to the fund as a whole and to each arrangement and grant made under the *Future Drought Fund Act 2019* (the FDF Act).

The draft Drought Resilience Funding Plan was informed by the findings of the recent Productivity Commission Inquiry (released on 26 September 2023) and key stakeholder feedback provided to date, including at the National Drought Forum (held in Rockhampton, on 26 September 2023).

As per section 32 of the FDF Act I am pleased to commence consultation on the draft Drought Resilience Funding Plan. I welcome submissions from all stakeholders through the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's 'Have Your Say' website at <https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/future-drought-fund>.

In addition to these submissions, my department and members of the Future Drought Fund Consultative Committee, chaired by Mr Brent Finlay, will seek feedback from stakeholders through targeted consultation.

All submissions and feedback will be considered before the Drought Resilience Funding Plan is determined. I will also seek advice from the Future Drought Fund Consultative Committee and have regard to any advice of that Committee on the draft before determining the Drought Resilience Finding Plan.

Consultation will close on 6 December 2023.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Murray Watt'.

MURRAY WATT

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