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Dear FDF Committee

Our business apologises for this late short submission.
We have already contributed to the survey and a virtual meeting.

A summary of our contribution.

In taking an on ground perspective we have seen considerable amounts of funding going into projects that have not created any tangible benefit to addressing drought preparedness or resilience. Other projects being funded with no or at best little scientific evidence they will work. At worst we have seen projects waste funds and cause significant environmental damage.

Even though we have been involved in leadership courses our conclusion is they are of very limited benefit in drought preparedness. If a community sees a need or issue to be addressed then the resulting committee structure that forms creates its own leadership structure.

Being involved in the Landcare movement in various ways over the last 40 years has given us the opportunity to witness what does and doesn't achieve tangible results. Research and scientifically supported on groundworks provide the greatest contribution to landowners and community drought resilience, both locally and boardly. Sustainability of the agricultural sector will only be achieved through regenerative agriculture, therefore if projects don't contribute to those practices there benefit is limited.

As a picture paints a thousand words, if the committee or any staff associated with FDF wish to gain a full appreciation of what we are advocating, our business would be more than welcoming to show you evidence of what has and hasn't worked.

Thank you for considering our late contribution.

Regards

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