

ON-FARM EMERGENCY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REBATE SCHEME

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This scheme provides a one-off 25 per cent rebate up to \$25,000 (GST exclusive) to eligible primary producers for the costs associated with the purchase and installation of on-farm water infrastructure related to animal welfare and improves resilience to drought. The rebate funding is being made available by the Australian Government.

Water infrastructure must be purchased and installed for a genuine emergency animal welfare need and to improve drought resilience. Eligible water infrastructure includes:

- Pipes
- Water storage devices such as tanks and troughs associated with stock watering
- Water pumps
- Permanent repairs to fixed infrastructure (e.g. repair piping)
- Drilling of new stock water bores and associated power supply such as generators and desalination plants
- Desilting works of existing stock and domestic dams, where you can demonstrate that area of the property does not have access to suitable groundwater
- Other materials or equipment necessary to install the above excluding purchase of machinery
- Any freight component to purchase and install the equipment
- The professional installation costs to install the water infrastructure

ELIGIBILITY TO ACCESS FUNDING UNDER THE SCHEME:

The Scheme is available to eligible farm businesses in the following Local Government Areas:

Benalla	Northern Grampians	Greater Shepparton	Yarriambiack
Greater Bendigo	Hindmarsh	Campaspe	Mildura
Loddon	Towong	Strathbogje	Horsham
Moira	Buloke	Gannawarra	Alpine
Swan Hill	Indigo	East Gippsland	Wodonga
Wellington	Wangaratta		

Farm businesses outside of these areas can make an application if they can demonstrate a critical water need for livestock resulting from current seasonal conditions. These applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For application question or assistance please contact - Rural Finance

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For further information about managing drought please contact - Agriculture Victoria

For more information about other drought support being provided by the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government, please contact Agriculture Victoria.

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