

Drought Assistance Initiatives

| Name of initiative | Planning for Change Initiative |
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| Description | <p>To support industries and local communities in drought-affected areas to collaborate to identify the longer term consequences of sustained drought and to better position them to deliver solutions to local sustainability challenges and opportunities.</p> <p>Councils and the industries within their communities will be able to move forward more confidently than otherwise should the existing dry conditions continue.</p> <p>It is expected that all regional Councils will be key players in the development of proposals to assist their industries and communities collaborate with all levels of government, NGOs and researchers to better understand the implications of, and develop strategies to address, the challenges and opportunities presented by the impacts of prolonged and severe droughts. This will lay strong foundations in assisting communities to address other manifestations of climate change.</p> |
| Who is eligible? | <p>The 'Planning for Change' Initiative is open to the current EC declared Councils.</p> <p>Councils are encouraged to work in collaboration with other councils in developing proposals that may involve local industry, researchers, NGOs, the farming sector and training bodies.</p> |
| How to apply / access | <p>Contact Regional Development Victoria at your local Victorian Business Centre:</p> <p>Ballarat 03 5320 5900</p> <p>Bendigo 03 5442 4100</p> <p>Geelong 03 5229 0641</p> <p>Mildura 03 5051 2000</p> <p>Shepparton 03 5821 1811</p> <p>Traralgon 03 5174 9233</p> <p>Wangaratta 03 5721 6988</p> <p>Wodonga 02 6056 2166</p> |

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