

# Drought Assistance Initiatives

<b>Name of initiative</b>	<b>Providing Support to Industry Development Organisations</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	To provide one off drought assistance project grants for self help organisations.
<b>Background</b>	Some industry support groups have suffered from reduced income as a result of drought and a reduction in levies paid. In many cases, these groups continue to function and provide support to farmers to assist them through the drought. In this event they are put under financial pressure to reduce ongoing work when demand has significantly increased. This initiative will provide a grant to assist such organisations to continue work that is of long term benefit for the sustainability of their industry.
<b>Who is eligible?</b>	<p>This grant is for established industry development (incorporated) groups which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Can demonstrate the drought has had a significant financial impact on the organisation or increased demand for services due to drought.</li><li>2. Conduct ongoing activities/work that has benefits to a specific agriculture industry.</li><li>3. Have an industry focused group with a core representation in either northern or north west Victoria.</li><li>4. Clearly demonstrate the provision of services to the broader farming community beyond their membership group.</li><li>5. Provide a preliminary two page submission which describes the objectives, methodology, budget summary and expected outcomes.</li></ol> <p>Note: Eligible organisations may only receive one grant.</p>
<b>Process</b>	Applications for grants up to \$75,000 will be accepted up to 30 November 2007. Each application will be assessed against the above selection criteria, and applicants will be notified within one week of receipt of submission. The total allocation of funding available for this program is \$450,000.

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<b>Reporting</b>	<p>The total funding offered for the grants is up to \$75,000 per eligible organisation. DPI will pay the grants in two instalments as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Instalment 1 (70% of grant) - Completion of a full project submission which details the project plan and expenditure.</li><li>▪ Instalment 2 (30% of grant) – Completion of an acceptable final report.</li></ul>
<b>Timelines</b>	<p>Applications must be received by the 30 November 2007. Projects must be completed and reports received by 30 June 2008.</p>
<b>How to apply / access</b>	<p>Request an application form by contacting the DPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.</p>

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