

On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

Guidelines

Purpose

The Program has been established to provide a one-off 25 per cent rebate up to \$25 000 (GST exclusive) to primary producers in drought affected areas for the costs associated with the purchase and installation of On-farm water infrastructure that:

- assists primary producers to be more productive
- assists in mitigating degradation of natural watering points
- addresses animal welfare needs
- assists primary producers to be more resilient for future droughts

The availability of rebates is subject to funds being available in the Program. No rebates will be offered beyond the allocated funding of \$4.75 million.

The Program opened on 1 July 2018 and will close on 31 March 2021 or when the funding allocation is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

Applicant Eligibility

Who is eligible to apply for the Program?

To be eligible to access funding under the Program:

- a) You are a property owner, share-farmer or lessee in the grazing industry
- b) You operate as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company
- c) Your property is located in one of the eligible areas (refer to Attachment 1)
- d) As the owner and operator,
 - i. you earn more than 50% of your gross income from your Primary Production Business under normal seasonal circumstances;
 - or
 - ii You have commenced your farming operation between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2018 and 50% of your gross income will be derived from your Primary Production Business within three years of the date of your Application. Eligibility of new entrants will be considered on a case by case basis
- e) The water infrastructure in respect of your Application is installed for livestock permanently residing on your property.

Applicants may apply for only one grant.

Applicants must meet overall eligibility criteria for the Program as well as satisfying specific eligibility criteria.

The Applicant must:

- be a legal entity capable of entering into a Grant Agreement with the Minister and/or Delegate
- have a current Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST
- have not received funding from another South Australian/Australian Government program in respect of the same activities.

Who is not eligible for the Program?

You will not be eligible to apply for funding under the Program if:

- you are seeking funding for payment of activities to which you have made a financial commitment prior to 1 July 2018



- part or all of the activities for which you are seeking a rebate have been or will be funded (including funding provided through a concessional loan scheme) under another government program (or the equivalent) and
- you have not met all the terms and conditions placed on any previous South Australian Government funding, grant or concessional loan provided to you.

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be reviewed against the assessment criteria outlined in these Guidelines. PIRSA reserves the right to request further information from you or from any party you have engaged in connection with the making of your Application to assist with the assessment of your Application or to verify any information provided in your Application.

Submitted Applications may be subject to audit by to determine compliance with Guidelines.

The Minister (or Delegate) will make the final decision on approval of all Applications.

Successful Applicants will enter into a Grant Agreement with the Minister that commits the Applicant to purchasing and installing the Water Infrastructure (as per the Application).

Eligibility Criteria

This rebate applies to the purchase and installation of emergency water infrastructure for livestock including:

- pipes
- water storage devices such as tanks and troughs associated with stock watering
- water pumps
- de-silting of existing dams, where you can demonstrate that the property does not have access to groundwater
- drilling of new stock water bores and associated power supply such as generators, desalinisation plants
- 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.



Ineligible Activities

The Program will not provide funding for:

- costs associated with crop or fodder irrigation
- any obligations under statutory requirements (eg GAB bore capping)
- ongoing labour costs associated with operating and maintenance of new or improved infrastructure and equipment
- staff salaries and on-costs, project planning and management or production costs
- projects which have received funding for the same activities from other Government programs
- costs of operation and maintenance of existing businesses, back-office costs and costs of foregone business activity.

Supporting Documentation

The following supporting documentation should be attached to your application:

- financial statements for the Primary Production Business, and personal tax returns for each member of the Primary Production Business for the financial year ended either 30 June 2017 OR 30 June 2018
- a copy of your latest council rates notice or other evidence of land ownership for the land on which the water infrastructure is or is to be installed. Alternatively, if the property is leased or share-farmed, you must attach a copy of the current lease or share-farming agreement
- copies of tax invoices or receipts evidencing expenditure incurred and photos of completed infrastructure implemented (or other evidence of installation). Tax invoices or receipts must show full details of the goods or services supplied, clearly identifiable as related to water infrastructure costs, must identify the GST exclusive cost of those goods or services and must include the Applicant's business name, address and ABN.

Clarifications

As part of the assessment, PIRSA may request further information or clarification of information provided in your Application. PIRSA's primary mode of communication with Applicants is by email.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The rebate claimable under the Program is 25 per cent of the GST exclusive costs associated with the purchase and installation of On-farm water infrastructure up to a maximum of \$25 000.

For example, if costs incurred on installing farm water infrastructure totalled \$100,000 (GST exclusive), you would be eligible for the full 25% rebate of \$25,000 (plus GST).

All costs claimed under Program must have been incurred from 1 July 2018. Only reasonable costs will be reimbursed.

Payment of the grant will be made following an assessment of the Application, including receipt of evidence of expenditure incurred such as tax invoices, receipts and photographs. GST expense incurred by the Applicant will be excluded from the grant calculation.

Applicants are required to warrant that the information provided in the application form is true and correct in every particular.

Before payment of the grant is made, you will be required to submit a tax invoice to PIRSA for the amount of the grant (as approved by PIRSA) (plus 10% GST)

Other Requirements

Applicants must:

- retain all tax invoices for expenditure in relation to which the Application is made for at least two years following the Application
- consent to a PIRSA officer or delegate, if required, undertaking an inspection of the property and auditing records to verify the claim; and conducting an inspection and/or audit after the grant has been paid to verify the monies have been utilised for the intended purpose.

Applicants may be required to provide details of warranties to ensure that the infrastructure funded under this Program is constructed to specification.

Note: The grant is assessable income and must be declared to the Australian Taxation Office as part of your taxation reporting. Grants may be subject to GST and income tax.

MAKING AN APPLICATION

Applicants should carefully consider activities against the eligibility criteria set out in this document before submitting an Application. Enquiries are welcome at any time.

The application form can be found on the On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme page on PIRSA's website <http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/onfarm-water-rebate>.



Applicants must submit an Application together with all supporting documentation to PIRSA electronically using the Program application form no later than 5.00 p.m. (ACST) on 31 March 2021 to:

PIRSA.GrantsEnquiries@sa.gov.au

Late applications will not be accepted.

Alternatively, a signed original copy of the application and supporting documentation may be sent to:

On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme
PIRSA – Rural Solutions SA
GPO Box 1671
ADELAIDE SA 5001

and postmarked no later than 5.00 p.m. (ACST) 31 March 2021.

Prior to relevant closing time, the Minister (or Delegate) reserves the right to:

- extend the application closing time
- vary a requirement of the Program
- terminate the Program

The Minister (or Delegate) further reserves the right to:

- clarify any aspect of an Application after the closing time
- make enquiries of any person or entity to obtain information about the Applicant and its Application
- propose revised or replacement Grant Agreement /contract terms, including substitution for, or in addition to, the terms and conditions included within a Grant Agreement.

Applicants should understand their legal rights and obligations under this Program. Before applying for financial assistance under this Program or making any decision to accept a grant, Applicants should seek advice from their legal, business and financial advisers to determine their eligibility for and the terms of the financial assistance.

MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Drought Response Program

Department of Primary Industries and Regions Telephone: 1800 255 556

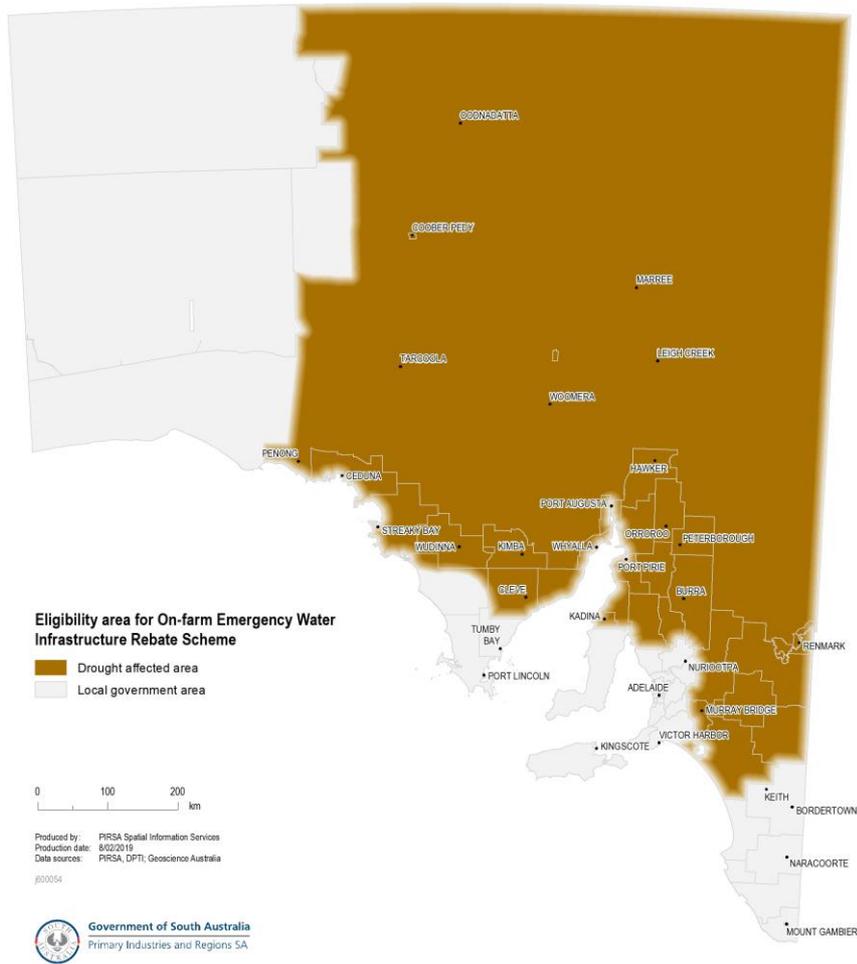
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Australian Government



Attachment 1: Eligibility area for On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme



Region	Eligible Local Government Area	Region	Eligible Local Government Area
Eyre Peninsula	Ceduna Cleve Elliston Franklin Harbour Kimba Streaky Bay Whyalla Wudinna	Murray Mallee	Berri Barmera Coorong Karoonda East Murray Loxton Waikerie Mid Murray Renmark Paringa Rural City of Murray Bridge Southern Mallee UIA Riverland
Mid/Upper North	Barunga West Clare and Gilbert Valley Copper Coast Flinders Ranges Goyder Mt Remarkable Northern Areas Orroroo Carrieton Peterborough Port Pirie Wakefield	Pastoral	Cooper Pedy Outback Areas Community Trust Port Augusta Roxby Downs