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Future Drought Fund

Southern Queensland/ Northern New South Wales Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub



The Southern QLD/Northern NSW Hub is led by the University of Southern Queensland (USQ).

Funding

The Australian Government will contribute \$10 million over 4 years through the Future Drought Fund. Hub partners will provide co-contributions of \$10.8 million over 4 years.

Locations

The core site is at USQ in Toowoomba. Hub nodes are in Longreach, Roma, Stanthorpe, Lismore, and Narrabri. The University of New England will host a dedicated node in Armidale to service Northern NSW.

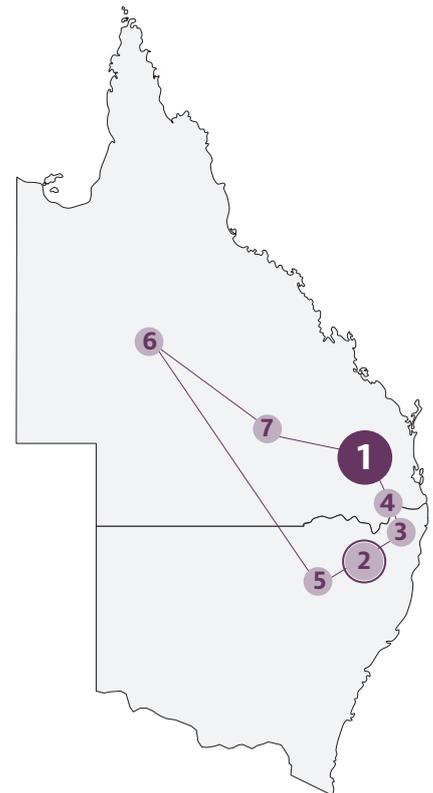
Key industries

Key industries include horticulture and viticulture, grains, grazing, sugarcane, tree crops, livestock and cotton.

Major focus

The hub will engage with farmers, traditional owners, agribusinesses, and mental health services. The hub will empower stakeholders and existing service providers to co-design drought preparedness activities for the region. Hub members will apply proven drought-resilience research on the ground. The hub will improve innovation and adoption across agriculture, industry and the community.

Southern QLD/ Northern NSW Hub and node locations



- 1** **S QLD/NNSW Hub**
University of Southern Queensland
- 2** **Armidale node**
University of New England
- 3** **Lismore node**
Southern Cross University
- 4** **Stanthorpe node**
Queensland College of Wine Tourism
- 5** **Narrabri node**
NSW Department of Primary Industries
- 6** **Longreach node**
Remote Area Planning and Development Board
- 7** **Roma node**
Southern Queensland Landscapes

Southern QLD/Northern NSW Hub leaders

Interim Director: Professor John McVeigh

Knowledge Broker: Dr Ann Starasts

Hub members

University of New England, Queensland College of Wine Tourism (University of Southern Queensland), The University of Newcastle, The Regenerative Agriculture Alliance & Farming Together (Southern Cross University), TAFE Queensland, Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, New South Wales DPI (through the Department of Regional NSW), Central Western Queensland Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD), Healthy Land and Water Ltd, Southern Gulf NRM Ltd, Local Land Services (NSW), Southern Queensland Landscapes, Australian Meat Processor Corporation, Sugar Research Australia, Agri-Business Development Institute, Willis Towers Watson, AgRee Commodities, Landcare Farming Program (on behalf of National Landcare Network).

Network partners

Queensland Farmers' Federation, Australian Organic Ltd, ThinkPlace Australia, Beanstalk/Impact Innovation Group Ltd, Celsius Pro (Australia) Pty Ltd, Growcom and Canegrowers Queensland.

Supporters

Australian Red Cross, The University of Queensland, Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprises, Queensland Cropping Research, Meat & Livestock Australia, GreenCollar Group, Sunshot Energy Pty Ltd, CRC for High Performance Soils, Bureau of Meteorology, LGAQ, AgForce, GRDC, Agrifood Connect, the proposed ONE Basin CRC and the World Meteorological Organisation.

Further information

For more information, see [Future Drought Fund](#). You can also register for updates at haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/future-drought-fund.

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