



## Maintaining government readiness for drought



\$13.9 million

The Australian Government has committed ongoing funding to ensure it maintains its drought policy capability. The government will provide \$13.9 million over 4 years, with a further \$3.4 million provided each year from 2028–29.

### What’s in this year’s Budget

Given its cyclical nature, the government recognises the need to have a continual focus on drought. This funding will support our ongoing activities, such as the delivery of the National Drought Agreement with the states and territories and the Australian Government’s Drought Plan. Consultation on the Drought Plan will be commencing shortly while the National Drought Agreement will be released later this year. This funding will also support our ongoing communications and engagement activities with stakeholders and the delivery of a drought response framework within government.

### Why this is important

The Australian Government knows that droughts are forecast to become more challenging as the climate changes. Farming businesses and communities are at the forefront of managing the resulting risks and impacts that drought brings. With that in mind, the government acknowledges its role in supporting these businesses and communities across the cycle of drought. Droughts are not set and forget – they require preparation from government when times are good, so that drought response is both timely and effective.

### How much this will cost

	2024–25 \$m	2025–26 \$m	2026–27 \$m	2027–28 \$m	TOTAL \$m
Maintaining government readiness for drought	3.252	3.651	3.292	3.740	13.935

### More information

For more information about our drought activities visit [agriculture.gov.au](http://agriculture.gov.au)

For more information about the 2024–25 Budget visit [budget.gov.au](http://budget.gov.au)