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Drought Information and Assistance contacts – December 2014

For further updates go to the AgForce website listed above or read the regular member communications.

Information or assistance on	Organisation (and website link)	Contact
State Government supports including management strategies and assistance - Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS) - Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate - Individually Droughted Property (IDP) applications - Mental Health Support Workshops - Transport concessions including permits, fees and registration. - School Transport Assistance Scheme additional conveyance allowance.	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Queensland) www.daff.qld.gov.au/environment/drought The FutureBeef website which includes livestock drought feeding information: http://futurebeef.com.au/drought/ Department of Transport and Main Roads Transport Concessions: www.tmr.qld.gov.au and search that website using the following terms: <i>Natural disaster and drought assistance</i> and/or <i>School Transport Assistance Scheme</i>	DAFFQ phone 13 25 23 or direct to Climate Risk Coordinators: <i>Charters Towers</i> (Karl McKellar) Call 07 4761 5153 <i>Longreach</i> (Lew Markey) Call 07 4650 1260 <i>Toowoomba</i> (Ross Ballin) Call 07 4688 1468 <i>Kingaroy</i> (Damien O'Sullivan) Call 07 4160 0717 <i>Rockhampton</i> (Ken Murphy) Call 07 4923 6237
Climate information, seasonal outlooks, drought situation reports, etc.	The Long Paddock website: www.longpaddock.qld.gov.au	Email rouseabout@dsitia.qld.gov.au
Land Rent deferral, annual water licence fee relief, and water infrastructure information and approvals	Department of Natural Resources and Mines www.dnrm.qld.gov.au/our-department/support-and-assistance/drought-declared-areas	Call 13 74 68 to identify your local business centre
Practical assistance like fodder drops, household and property needs	Aussie Helpers www.aussiehelpers.org.au	Call 1300 665 232
Up to \$500 of non-means tested assistance for household or medical costs	Queensland Country Women's Association www.qcwa.org.au	Application forms at QCWA website or call 07 3026 1219
Card to access donations to meet essential family needs from approved businesses	Farmers Card (The Give Back Campaign) www.farmerscard.com.au	Call 1300 448 322
Waiving of fixed electricity charges for farm purposes and deferral of bill payments	Ergon Energy: www.ergon.com.au/your-home/electricity-prices/drought-relief	Call 13 10 46
Concessional finance and drought loan products and the BJD Assistance Scheme	QRAA www.graa.qld.gov.au	Freecall 1800 623 946
Commonwealth Government drought programs including: - Farm Management Deposits and tax relief - Social and Community support services	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Australian Government) www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought	Call 13 23 16 for the Drought and Farmer Assistance Hotline
Income support, Farm Household Allowance, Assistance for Isolated Children	Centrelink www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/themes/rural-and-remote-australians	Call 13 23 16 for drought assistance (8am to 8pm, Monday to Friday)
Help to identify financial/business options, negotiate with lenders, other services.	Rural Financial Counselling Service www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought/rfcs	Call 1800 686 175 to identify your closest service provider
Free basic legal advice - farm financial hardships including severe debt-related problems, disputes with lenders, etc.	Legal Aid Queensland Farm and Rural Legal Service www.legalaid.qld.gov.au	Call 1300 65 11 88
Identify personal support needs and receive a call back from a professional	UnitingCare Community www.uccommunity.org.au/	Call 1800 54 33 54 (24 hours/7 days) Drought Call Back Line
Personal support and assistance for self and family	Lifeline www.lifeline.org.au	Call 13 11 14 for the 24-hour Crisis Counselling Hotline
Relationship support services for individuals, families and communities	Relationships Australia www.relationships.org.au	Call 1300 364 277 (or 1800 176 002 in <i>Darling Downs</i>)
Helping men deal with relationship issues in a practical way	Mensline Australia www.mensline.org.au	Call 1300 789 978
Help with personal issues including depression or anxiety	BeyondBlue www.beyondblue.org.au	Call 1300 224 636

If you encounter problems with any of the contact details provided or know of other useful sources of assistance please notify Dale Miller at AgForce (phone 07 3236 3100 or email millerd@agforceqld.org.au). Thank you.