

“Future Drought Fund: forging a path towards drought resilience”

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The screenshot shows the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment website. The URL is agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/future-drought-fund/research-adoption-program. The page features a navigation bar with links to Home, Ministers, Media Centre, Jobs, and Languages, along with a search bar. A secondary navigation bar lists various agricultural sectors: Importing, Exporting, Biosecurity, Travelling to Australia, Farming, food and drought (highlighted), Trade and market access, ABARES science and economics, Water policy and resources, Forestry, Fisheries, and About us. The main content area has a header image of a farmer in a field. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Farming, food and drought > Drought and rural support > Future Drought Fund > Drought Resilience Research and Adoption. The left sidebar contains a 'Future Drought Fund' section with links to Climate Services for Agriculture, Drought Resilience Leaders, Drought Resilience Research and Adoption program (highlighted), and Drought Resilience Research and Adoption Program webinar. The main content area is titled 'Drought Resilience Research and Adoption' and includes a 'Grant opportunity' section. This section states that Drought Resilience Innovation Grants are available to fund projects that help Australian farmers and agricultural-dependent communities and businesses to adopt innovative approaches and technology to improve drought resilience. It mentions a competitive grants process open for interested parties to express interest in an Ideas grant, Proof-of-Concept grant or Innovation grant. Applications are open from 11am 29 July 2021 through the Community Grants Hub website. The expressions of interest process closes 9pm 8 September 2021.



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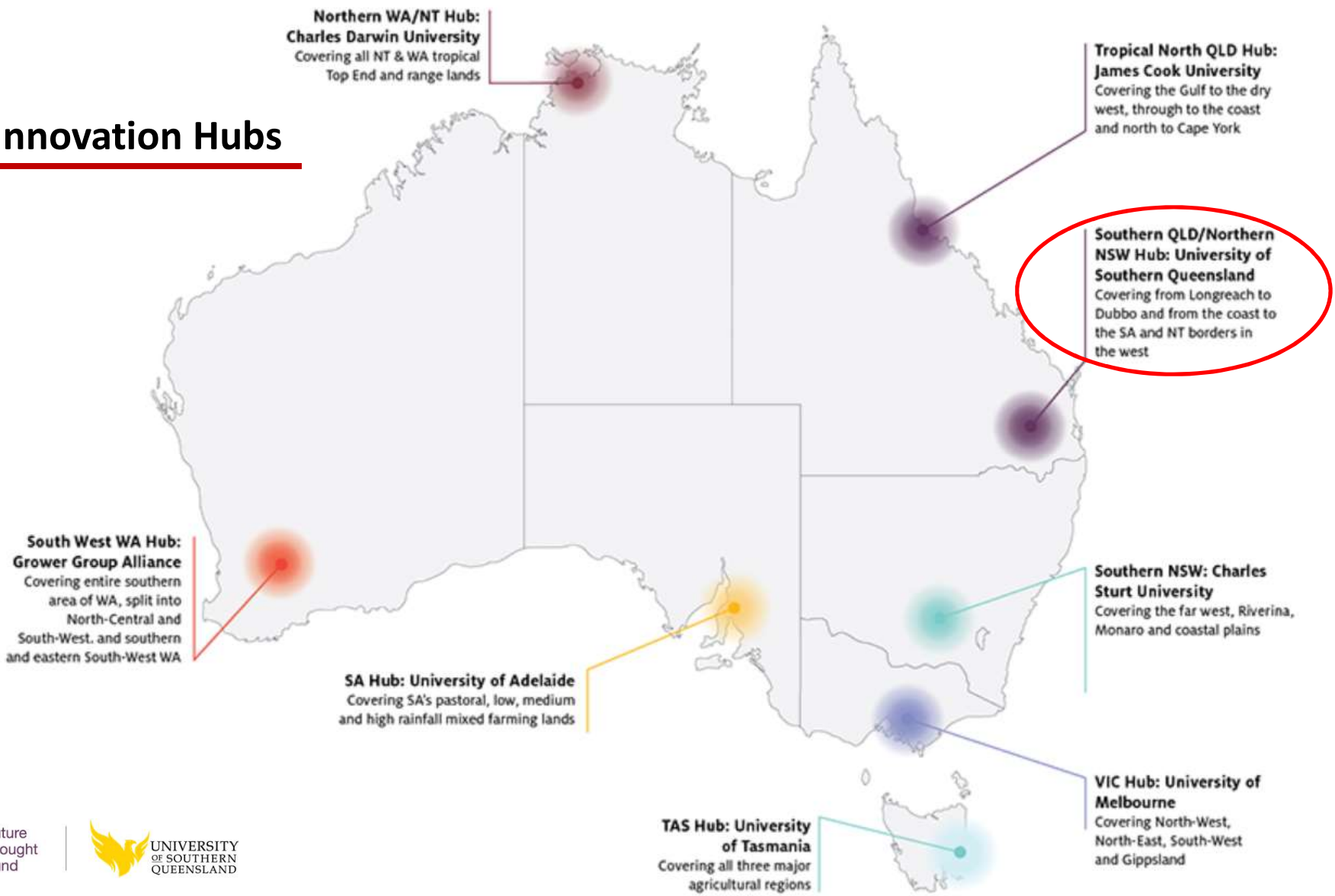


Future Drought Fund - \$100m AUD per annum funded until 2024 (programs)

- Climate Services for Agriculture (mainly BoM and CSIRO – (e.g. digital platform-based seasonal climate forecasting).
- Drought Resilient Leaders (e.g. create a new generation of young and emerging leaders).
- **Drought Resilient Research and Adoption Program - 8 Adoption and Innovation Hubs (largest funding)** (e.g. provide networks for researchers, primary producers and community groups to work together to enhance drought resilient practices).
- Drought Resilient Research and Adoption Program Enabling Activities (e.g. Science to Practice forums).
- Drought Resilience Self-Assessment Tool (e.g. user co-design processes and other engagement activity)
- Farm Business Resilience Program (\$76m AUD)(e.g. access to subsidised learning and development opportunities in strategic business management, farm risk management)
- Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning.
- Natural Resource Management Drought Resilience Program. Networks to build drought resilience - Regional Drought Resilience Planning (e.g. improve the management of natural resources and build drought resilience of agricultural and broader landscapes).



8 Adoption and Innovation Hubs



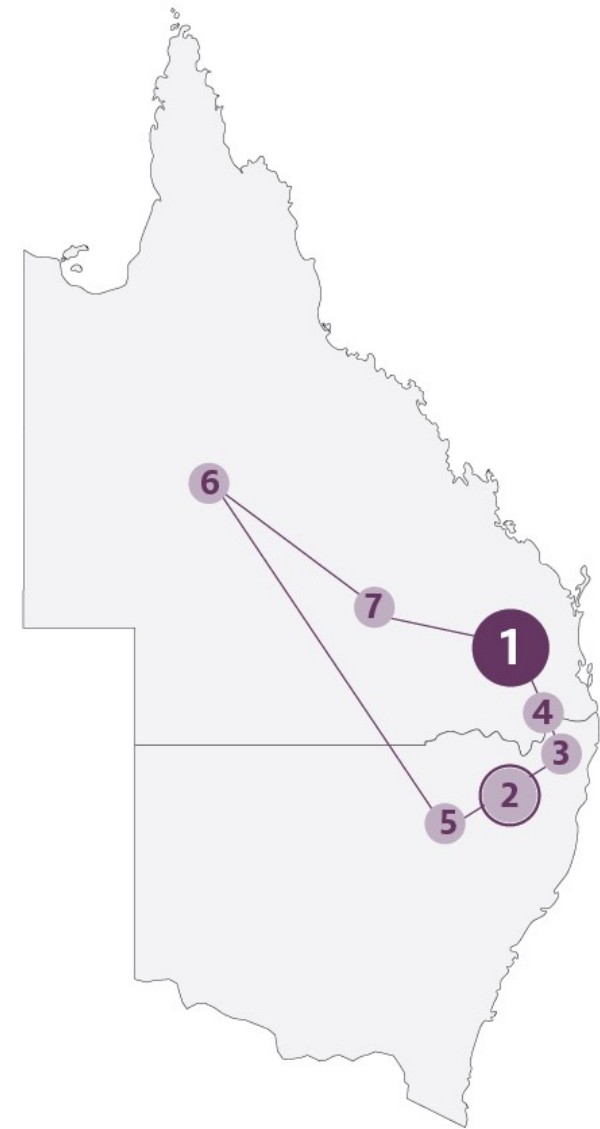


FDF Drought Resilience Research and Adoption Program – Hubs & Nodes

- Provide networks for primary producers, community groups, and researchers to work together to enhance drought resilient practices within their focus region.
- Become flagship precincts for agricultural innovation.
- Each Hub will focus on collaboration

Southern Queensland and Northern NSW Hub & Node locations

1. SQNNSW Hub – USQ Toowoomba Campus (grains, cattle)
2. Armidale – University of New England (grazing – esp. sheep)
3. Lismore – Southern Cross University (horticulture, sugar)
4. Stanthorpe – Queensland College of Wine Tourism
5. Narrabri – New South Wales DPI (cotton)
6. Longreach – Remote Area Planning & Development Board (grazing – cattle/sheep)
7. Roma – Southern Queensland Landscapes (grain/graze)



E.g.: Longreach Node

Hub Member: Remote Area Planning & Development Board

The Longreach Node will focus on the semi-arid grazing regions of Western Queensland.



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Summary: FDF Node responsibilities & activities



Shopfront: organise and facilitate targeted drought and climate risk extension



Knowledge brokering and collating and sharing information



Planning and co-designing priorities and activities



Documentation, data collection and evaluation

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