5th December 2019

Dear Sir,

DROUGHT RESILIENCE FUNDING PLAN 2020-2024 CONSULTATION draft

I have perused the Drought Resilience Funding Plan 2020-2024 Consultation draft. Salient comments are as follows:

- It will be critical that the funding programs available are publicised well.
- Applications for disbursement from the Fund, presumably, will be subject to an application basis. It is important that such a process is simple – it is suggested that the application process and form be vetted by some farmers prior to finalisation.
- The funding application process needs to be clear as to what can be applied for and the clear benefits resulting. There are a plethora of funding programs available.
- The actions need to have practical outcomes. The actions are largely motherhood statements. Councils could be involved in assisting. For example page 18 states the following:
  - Support community wellbeing activities to increase social networking, support and social engagement
  - Develop local leaders, including youth, to enhance wellbeing and drive initiatives that building drought resilience.

Councils could assist with such actions.

It would be appreciated if these comments could be incorporated in the Local Government submission.

Thank you.