

Local Government Areas

The following Local Government Areas were selected based on the level of need, determined using rainfall deficiency data from the Bureau of Meteorology, in conjunction with population and industry data (reliance on agriculture) to assess the overall economic impact of the drought in the region.

The Government will continue to closely monitor conditions across the country as the drought continues, and in consultation with the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources may consider expanding the program to reach more Local Government Area.

Local Government Areas marked with an asterisk were approved in March 2019 and these Eligible Councils must complete their project by 31 December 2019.

New South Wales

- Armidale Regional
- Bathurst Regional*
- Bega Valley
- Bland
- Blayney
- Brewarrina
- Broken Hill
- Bogan
- Bourke
- Cabonne
- Carrathool
- Central Darling
- Cobar
- Coonamble
- Cowra*
- Dubbo Regional
- Edward River*
- Forbes
- Gilgandra
- Glen Innes Severn Shire
- Gunnedah
- Gwydir
- Inverell
- Lachlan
- Leeton*
- Lithgow*
- Liverpool Plains
- Mid-Western Regional
- Moree Plains
- Muswellbrook
- Murrumbidgee*
- Narrabri
- Narrandera
- Narromine
- Oberon
- Parkes
- Tamworth Regional
- Tenterfield
- Unincorporated Far West
- Upper Hunter
- Uralla
- Walcha
- Walgett
- Warren
- Warrumbungle
- Weddin*
- Wentworth

Queensland

- Balonne
- Barcaldine
- Barcoo
- Blackall Tambo
- Bulloo
- Boulia
- Diamantina
- Flinders
- Goondiwindi
- Lockyer Valley
- Longreach
- Maranoa
- McKinlay
- Murweh
- Paroo
- Richmond
- Quilpie
- Somerset
- South Burnett
- Southern Downs
- Toowoomba
- Winton

South Australia

- Barunga West
- Berri Barmera*
- Ceduna
- Clare and Gilbert Valleys
- Cleve
- Flinders Ranges*
- Franklin Harbour
- Goyder
- Karoonda East Murray
- Kimba
- Light*
- Loxton Waikerie
- Mid Murray
- Murray Bridge*
- Mount Remarkable
- Northern Areas
- Orroroo/Carrieton
- Peterborough*
- Southern Mallee
- Streaky Bay
- Wakefield
- Wudinna

Victoria

- Buloke*
- East Gippsland
- Wellington

Tasmania

- Break O Day*
- Glamorgan Spring Bay*