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Progressing drought resilience in the state's far west

In a positive step towards drought preparedness the Far West Regional Drought Resilience Plan has been officially released. The plan is in response to the fact that we can learn from previous droughts and plan for broader community implications.

In March last year Central Darling Shire Council, Broken Hill City Council and the Regional Development Australia Far West NSW Unincorporated Area started working together to produce the plan for drought resilience. This plan is relevant to our far west communities whilst also acknowledging the differences between our areas.

The work was made possible with support from the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program, which is funded by the Australian and NSW Governments under the Future Drought Fund.

Developed by Independent Consultant, Meridian Urban, the plan offers practical solutions to support our communities prepare and respond to drought. It provides various valuable information relevant to our regions including:

- Historical and predicated impacts of drought in each region.
- An evidence-based strategy to mitigate or adapt to future drought impacts.
- A prioritised list of actions and pathways to build drought resilience specific to the region and that addresses the needs of the community.

The project has involved widespread consultation and feedback from communities, stakeholders and First Nations people and this feedback is crucial to the success of the final working document. The plan also recognises that community level drought resilience depends upon strong primary industries and agricultural supply chain sectors as well as other businesses, community organisations and local government.

In 2025 the project control group will be working with Meridian Urban on the implementation phase of the plan.

You can access of copy of the document at the link below.

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/drought/future-drought-fund/regional-drought-resilience-planning>

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