



Farm Management Planning Research

Primary Producer Fact Sheet

Phillips Group is currently undertaking research, funded by the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation, into drought and climate resilience and the adoption of farm management plans. The research involves talking with primary producers to better understand the benefits, barriers, and areas for improvement in farm management planning.

We are seeking 70 primary producers from across Queensland to participate in a 90-minute interview conducted at a location convenient for the participants. The interviews will focus on understanding primary producers' views on:

- The benefits of creating a farm business resilience plan
- The process of creating a plan
- How the process of creating a plan can be improved
- The barriers to creating a plan
- Other ideas for planning for drought

We want to hear from primary producers who have and have not created farm management plans. The 70 primary producers chosen to participate in an interview will receive \$200 for their time.

The research findings will help shape future support services for drought and climate resilience and farm management planning. Increasing drought resilience puts primary producers in a stronger position to achieve their business and lifestyle goals. It also strengthens the whole industry which is a significant contributor to Queensland's economy and the 'lifeblood' of many rural and regional communities. Agriculture generates over \$13.7 billion per annum and currently employs over 70,000 people, with employment projected to increase by 11.3% in 2024-25.

However, the industry is vulnerable to the changing climate and natural disasters. Modelling from Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) suggests Australian farms have lost on average \$30,000 each year over the last 20 years because of higher temperatures and lower rainfall. A University of Sydney report estimates the 2019-2020 bushfires cost the agricultural industry \$4-5 billion. Improving drought and climate resilience across the whole industry is essential. A written farm management plan is a key tool primary producers can use to reduce the impact of drought and other disasters.

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