Drought Assistance Program	Details of Drought Assistance Scheme	Link to Additional Information
Farm Innovation Fund	A loan scheme for capital works up to a value of $250K (eg sheds, silos, water storage) for infrastructure works to prepare for dry conditions, to be more resilient and improve on-farm efficiency.	https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/farm-innovation-fund
Transport of Donated Fodder & Animal Welfare Transport Subsidies	A transport subsidy of up to 50% of the total freight cost is available to eligible primary producers to a maximum of $5 per kilometre (GST exclusive) to a maximum eligible distance of 1,500 kilometres. $20,000 is available per eligible farm business per year which equates up to $30,000 over 18 months from 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2019. Payments can be made on receipt of eligible tax invoices which demonstrate transport occurring between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2019. Eligible costs include those attributed to the following: 1. Transporting of stock to agistment, 2. Returning stock from agistment 3. Transport of stock to sale or slaughter 4. Transport of fodder for stock to properties 5. Transport of stock drinking water. **As of 4th October 2018**, the NSW Government has made it easier for farmers and their families to access the Drought Transport Subsidies and the Drought Assistance Fund by relaxing the gross off-farm asset test and supporting the next generation of new entrants. The current threshold has been increased from $1 million in off-farm assets to $5 million, meaning more farmers are eligible to access a range of support measures including the transport of fodder to feed stock.	https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/rebate-on-road-transport
Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program	Approved participants are able to claim reimbursement of costs (up to 50% of eligible costs, exclusive of GST) upon completion of the course/activity. A maximum reimbursement of $5,000 (covering all courses/activities over the life of the program) applies for any farmer with reimbursements capped at $9,000 per farm business. Three professional development priority areas have been identified: Risk management, Financial and business management and Farm business planning/drought preparedness.	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/droughthub
Waiver of NSW Local Land Services rates	All LLS rates, including General Rates and Rates for Animal Health and Pests, the Meat Industry Levy, and costs of Routine Stock Moving Permit and Stock identification will be waived for 2019. Contact Local Land Services for more information on 1300 795 299	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/droughthub/skills-and-training
Rebate on fixed charges for water licences	A rebate of up to $4,000 per licence will apply to the fixed component of bills for general security licence holders (and supplementary water access licence holders) in rural and regional NSW across surface and ground water systems, and to customers of Irrigation Corporation Districts (ICDs) for water entitlement costs incurred. Contact WaterNSW for more information on 1300 662 077.	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/droughthub/drought-assistance
Waiver of Class 1 agricultural vehicle registration	Class 1 agricultural vehicles will be exempt from the next annual registration charge. Contact ServiceNSW for more information on 13 22 13	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/droughthub/drought-assistance
Waiver of Farm Innovation Fund interest charges	All existing Farm Innovation Fund customers, and all applicants who submitted an application on or before 30 July 2018, will have applicable interest charges for the 2017/18 financial year and 2018/19 financial year refunded and waived. Contact the NSW RAA on 1800 678 593	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/droughthub/drought-assistance
Farm Innovation Fund	A loan scheme for capital works to a value of $250K (eg sheds, silos, water storage) for infrastructure works to prepare for dry conditions, to be more resilient and improve on-farm efficiency. Contact the NSW RAA on 1800 678 593. A state government initiative.	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/droughthub/drought-assistance
Farm Debt Mediation	A structured negotiation process where an accredited, independent mediator helps the farmers and their creditors to negotiate and reach agreements about farm business debt. Farmers can negotiate their farm business debt with their lender at any time and don't have to be in default or hardship. New farm debt mediation videos provide valuable information on the mediation process and aim to empower farmers to negotiate more effectively, in a fair and efficient way	https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/fdm?nsw-farm-debt-mediation-videos
Country Womens Association (CWA) Drought Aid	The 2018 Drought Relief Fund, a partnership between Channel 9, Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), and the National Farmers' Federation (NFF), announced the $1 million in grants on August, 16 and will be administered by The Country Womens Associations (CWA) of NSW and QLD. The funds will be provided to the Country Women's Association (CWA) in both New South Wales and Queensland, and the Need for Feed initiative which currently services NSW. In addtion, Coles have announced that $5 million is going to the Country Women's Association to assist drought-affected farmers. Grant payments from the CWA of NSW Disaster Relief Fund are up to a maximum of $3000 per individual applicant and/or household and are available for farming businesses that are drought-affected and reliant on farming as their primary source of income. The money can be used for the likes of groceries, vehicle maintenance, school expenses, household bills and medical costs	www.needforfeed.org.au www.cwansw.org.au/droughtaid www.rawcs.org.au
Salvation Army Drought Assistance	Salvo rural chaplains are on the ground, offering practical and emotional support. The Salvation Army is committed to helping people in need across Australia, and every day their ministers, corps (churches), chaplains, staff and volunteers are making a difference in regional communities as they provide a range of programs and services to meet material, emotional and spiritual needs. The Salvation Army has established a 24/7 emergency assistance hotline offering support to farmers impacted by the drought. If you're in New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory or Queensland, you can call 02 8757 8088. Additionally Rural chaplains may also provide services such as: 1. Emergency financial assistance eg. help with bills, vouchers for farming supplies 2. Delivery of donated goods and food hampers 3. Emotional and spiritual support and a listening ear 4. Advocacy and pastoral care 5. Personal support through illness 6. Support through grief and loss 7. Support during legal proceedings	https://salvos.ore.au/about-us/latest-news/disasters-other-appeals/2018-droughts/access-drought-assistance/
Farm Table	Farm Table is a national platform that brings together the Australian Agricultural industry's knowledge and connects farmers. On the Farm Table website have compiled a list of currently available Grants and Funding	http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/rural-financial-counselling-service/nsw https://farmtable.com.au/boost-resource/grants-funding/
Dog Rates Waived for Drought-Affected Landholders	Landholders in Western NSW will be relieved of paying annual NSW Border Fence Maintenance fees, known as 'dog rates'. The NSW maintained section of the national wild dog fence extends from Hungerford on the Queensland border westward to Cameron Corner and then south along NSW and South Australian border. At the moment, pastoralists who have over 1000 hectares of land in the Western Division pay about 5.5 cents a hectare towards maintenance of the fence. For most farmers the cost is about $2000 a year.	