

Drought Assistance Initiatives

Name of initiative

Planning for Change Initiative

Description

To support industries and local communities in drought-affected areas to collaborate to identify the longer term consequences of sustained drought and to better position them to deliver solutions to local sustainability challenges and opportunities.

Councils and the industries within their communities will be able to move forward more confidently than otherwise should the existing dry conditions continue.

It is expected that all regional Councils will be key players in the development of proposals to assist their industries and communities collaborate with all levels of government, NGOs and researchers to better understand the implications of, and develop strategies to address, the challenges and opportunities presented by the impacts of prolonged and severe droughts. This will lay strong foundations in assisting communities to address other manifestations of climate change.

Eligible councils

Rural and Regional Victoria is the area within the municipal districts of the 48 councils listed below, as defined in the Regional Development Victoria Act 2002, and the alpine resorts within the meaning of the Alpine Resorts Act 1983:

Alpine Shire Council
Ararat Rural City Council
Ballarat City Council
Bass Coast Shire Council
Baw Baw Shire Council
Benalla Rural City
Buloke Shire Council
Campaspe Shire Council
Central Goldfields Shire Council
Colac Shire Council
Corangamite Shire Council
East Gippsland Shire Council
Gannawarra Shire Council
Glenelg Shire Council
Golden Plains Shire Council
Greater Bendigo City Council
Greater Geelong City Council
Greater Shepparton City Council
Hepburn Shire Council
Hindmarsh Shire Council
Horsham Rural City Council

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**Eligible councils
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Indigo Shire Council
Latrobe City Council
Loddon Shire Council
Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Mansfield Shire Council
Mildura Rural City Council
Mitchell Shire Council
Moirra Shire Council
Moorabool Shire Council
Mount Alexander Shire Council
Moyne Shire Council
Murrindindi Shire Council
Northern Grampians Shire Council
Pyrenees Shire Council
Borough of Queenscliffe
South Gippsland Shire Council
Southern Grampians Shire Council
Strathbogie Shire Council
Surf Coast Shire Council
Swan Hill Rural City Council
Towong Shire Council
Wangaratta Rural City Council
Warrnambool City Council
Wellington Shire Council
West Wimmera Shire Council
Wodonga Rural City Council
Yarriambiack Shire Council

How to apply / access

Contact Regional Development Victoria at your local Victorian Business Centre:

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Bendigo 03 5442 4100

Geelong 03 5229 0641

Mildura 03 5051 2000

Shepparton 03 5821 1811

Traralgon 03 5174 9233

Wangaratta 03 5721 6988

Wodonga 02 6056 2166

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