

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

ON-FARM EMERGENCY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REBATE

Please submit applications to: Rural Finance
P.O Box 1313
Bendigo Central Vic 3552

APPLICATION FORM

Enquiries: 1800 260 425 Fax: 03 5441 8901
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PLEASE READ THE SCHEME GUIDELINES PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete this form and submit with:
 - a) **Evidence of the Local Government Area (Shire) in which you own, share or lease your farm business.**
 - Lease documentation
 - Rates notices
 - Share-farming contract
 - b) **Latest Taxation Returns** for the business entity, and all individuals involved in the business.
 - c) A **quote** for your proposed water infrastructure investment or a **receipt** of evidence that the infrastructure investment was completed and paid for since 30 June 2018 (for Livestock infrastructure) or 30 June 2019 (for Horticulture infrastructure).
2. **Part A – Livestock details** – if you are applying for the rebate to support livestock please complete Part A of the application form.
3. **Part B – Horticulture details** – if you are applying for the rebate to support permanent plantings please complete Part B of the application form.
4. On receipt of notice of 'In-Principle' eligibility you must, if not already completed, complete the proposed infrastructure investment activity within 3 months.
5. On completion of the proposed infrastructure investment activity you must forward **paid tax invoices/receipts** and photos of completed infrastructure implemented (or other evidence of installation) to Rural Finance for payment of the rebate amount.

APPLICANT DETAILS

Full Business Name:

Are you registered for GST? Yes / No

ABN

Farm Address:

Post Code: Local Government Area (Shire):

Farm Size: ac / ha Property Identification Code (PIC)

Are you an: Owner Lessee Sharefarmer

Industry Type livestock: Beef Sheep Dairy Mixed Farming

Other livestock farming

Industry Type horticulture: Citrus Grape Fruit trees Almond

Other permanent horticultural planting

Is your property: Dryland Both dryland and irrigated Irrigated

Is your farming business conducted in a Local Government Area listed in the guidelines?	Yes / No
Normally, is the majority of your labour and capital devoted to the farm? (see definitions)	Yes / No
Normally, is the gross income from your farm your primary source of income (more than 51%)? OR	Yes / No
Have you commenced your farming operation between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2018 and will you derive 50 per cent of your gross income from your Primary Production Business within three years of the date of this Application, under normal circumstances?	Yes / No
Nominate the source and amount of any other income (per annum)	

PRIMARY CONTACT

Given Name(s): Preferred Name:

Surname: Date of Birth:

Residential Address:

Postal Address (if different to current residential address):

Phone: Fax: Mobile:

Email:

APPLICANT 2

Given Name(s): Preferred Name:

Surname: Date of Birth:

Residential Address:

Postal Address (if different to current residential address):

Phone: Fax: Mobile:

Email:

APPLICANT 3

Given Name(s): Preferred Name:

Surname: Date of Birth:

Residential Address:

Postal Address (if different to current residential address):

Phone: Fax: Mobile:

Email:

APPLICANT 4

Given Name(s): Preferred Name:

Surname: Date of Birth:

Residential Address:

Postal Address (if different to current residential address):

Phone: Fax: Mobile:

Email:

PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT (*please list activities, including explanatory notes where required*).

Please note the grant is calculated on 25% of the GST-exclusive eligible costs incurred.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Please provide your bank account details for the rebate to be credited.

Account Name in Full (*as it appears on your statement*)

PART A Livestock Details

Please complete this section if you are applying for the rebate to support livestock

Number and class of stock currently on the property

Beef Cattle:	No.	Sheep:	No.
Dairy Cattle:	No.	Other: (please specify)	No:
Goats:	No.	Other: (please specify)	No:

Number and class of stock on the property that are generally kept under normal seasonal conditions

Beef Cattle:	No.	Sheep:	No.
Dairy Cattle:	No.	Other: (please specify)	No:
Goats:	No.	Other: (please specify)	No:

You may be required to submit National Vendor Declaration form or National Livestock Identification Scheme evidence, as verification.

Have you been forced to remove stock from your property in excess of normal turnoff due to drought conditions?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If you select 'Yes', please complete the below table:

Current Livestock Schedule	Year/Month	Stock Type	Number of stock taken off the property
Forced Sales	/		
	/		
	/		
	/		
	/		
To Agistment	/		
	/		
	/		
To Feedlots	/		
	/		
	/		
Stock that have been humanely destroyed on animal welfare grounds	/		
	/		
	/		

Have you introduced livestock onto this property after 1 July 2018?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If you select 'Yes', please complete the below table.

Livestock introduced onto the property after 1 July 2018

Date	Stock Type	Number brought onto property	Reason for movement (returned from agistment, transferred from property under same ownership, replacement breeders, restocking, stock taken on for agistment)
/ /			
/ /			

/ /			
/ /			
/ /			
/ /			
/ /			
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Do you intend to introduce other stock to this property? Yes No

If you select 'Yes', please provide full details on what class of stock, when and where they will come from (e.g. Stock returning from agistment, stock being moved from other properties owned, restocking purchases etc.)

Water Availability for livestock purposes

1 Give an overview of current water availability and pressures on your property. This could include:

- a) Storage capacity and appropriate current percentage of water in your dams and how long you expect water to last without more rain/runoff
- b) Storage capacity and approximate current percentage of water in your tanks and how long you expect it to last without more rain/runoff
- c) Equipment in bores (e.g. mill, solar) and how much water they can pump per hour
- d) Availability of usable watering points in any creeks and rivers
- e) Options available if water availability is not improved (e.g. sale of livestock, agistment of livestock, water cartage, etc)

2 Describe what steps you have taken recently or previously to reduce the effects of drought and water shortages on your property.

3 Describe how the proposed activity(s) has or will improve water available for livestock now and in future dry times.

PART B Horticultural Details

Please complete this section if you are applying for the rebate to support permanent plantings

Area currently planted to permanent horticultural

Citrus:	Area.	Almond:	Area.	
Grape:	Area.	Other: (please specify)		Area:
Fruit tree:	Area.	Other: (please specify)		Area:

Have you been forced to reduce the amount of water applied to permanent horticultural plantings on your property due to drought conditions?

Yes **No**

If you select 'Yes', please estimate the area affected:

e.g. 5 hectares (12 acres)

If you select 'Yes', please estimate the percentage of reduced production:

e.g. 20% decrease in yield

Have you been forced to stop watering some existing permanent horticultural plantings on your property due to drought conditions?

Yes **No**

If you select 'Yes', please estimate the area no longer watered (total loss):

Water Availability for horticulture purposes

1 Give an overview of current water availability and pressures on your property. This could include:

- a) Storage capacity and appropriate current percentage of water in your dams and how long you expect water to last without more rain/runoff
- b) Storage capacity and approximate current percentage of water in your tanks and how long you expect it to last without more rain/runoff
- c) Equipment in bores (e.g. mill, solar) and how much water they can pump per hour
- d) Availability of usable watering points in any creeks and rivers
- e) Options available if water availability is not improved (e.g. reduction of normal amount of water applied to permanent plantings, area of permanent plantings lost from production, water cartage, etc)

2 Describe what steps you have taken recently or previously to reduce the effects of drought and water shortages on your property.

3 Describe how the proposed activity(s) has or will improve water available for existing permanent horticultural plantings now and in future dry times.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud Rural Finance, or another person; files an application for assistance containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent act, which is a crime under the *Crimes Act (1900)* and subjects the person to criminal penalties.

CONSENT AND DECLARATION

I/We authorise Rural Finance to provide the information contained in this application to the State of Victoria, as represented by Agriculture Victoria in the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (Agriculture Victoria).

I/We authorise that Agriculture Victoria may contact us in relation to the scheme.

I/We understand that deliberately giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

I/We authorise Rural Finance to obtain any information regarding this application from the product/service provider.

I/We authorise the product/service provider to supply any required information regarding this application to Rural Finance.

I/We authorise Rural Finance or Agriculture Victoria to obtain any information regarding the eligibility of this application from other government agencies.

I/We certify that we own/operate a farm business as defined by the Australian Taxation Office.

I/We declare that the Rebate will be used for the purpose specified within the guidelines and agree to supply invoices/receipts to confirm expenditure.

I/We declare that it is our responsibility to ensure infrastructure is implemented in line with any relevant Victorian and Commonwealth Government laws and regulations.

I/We certify that prior to applying for this assistance I sought independent financial advice and the taxation implications of any assistance granted has been explained to me.

I/We understand Rural Finance and/or Agriculture Victoria may conduct an audit/inspection to ensure that any assistance I/we receive under this rebate has been used in compliance with the Emergency Water Infrastructure Scheme Guidelines and not for any other purpose.

I/We agree to participate in any audits confirming rebate eligibility and expenditure or post program evaluation.

PRIVACY CONSENT

Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria are collecting your personal information to process your application for the Emergency On-Farm Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme. You do not have to provide this information, but failure to do so means Rural Finance which is a brand used by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd ABN 11 068 049 178 ("Rural Finance") and/or Agriculture Victoria will not be able to assess your application.

For the purposes specified in Rural Finance's Privacy Statement, I/we authorise Rural Finance to obtain in connection with this Application, any consumer or commercial information about my/our expenditure and my/our business including my/our assets, liabilities, income and/or expenditure.

Your personal information will be managed in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic.) and other applicable laws.

We will use the information you have provided:

- to assess your eligibility for assistance against the program criteria
- for reporting, publicity, evaluation and audit purposes.

Copies of the Privacy Policy or information on how each of Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria manages privacy, please refer to:

privacy@ecodev.vic.gov.au and/or www.ruralfinance.com.au/disclosure-documents

You can request access to or correction of your personal information by contacting the Freedom of Information Officer at foi@ecodev.vic.gov.au and/or Rural Finance at www.ruralfinance.com.au/disclosure-documents

- I/We acknowledge that failing to provide some or all of the information which Rural Finance requests about me/us may result in this Application not being processed or approved.

STATUTORY DECLARATION BY PRIMARY CONTACT

I, (full name).....

on behalf of (applicant(s) / trading name).....

of (address).....

of occupation.....

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that this application is true and correct in every particular, and I make this declaration with the understanding and belief that a person who makes a false declaration is liable to the penalties of perjury.

Declared at
in the State of Victoria, this day of 2019

..... Before me

Signature of person making this declaration
(to be signed in front of an authorised witness)*

..... Signature of authorised witness

Authorised witness Name:
Address:
Title:

*Authorised witnesses include: Justice of the peace, lawyers, police, accountants, pharmacists, school principals, ministers of religion, bank managers, doctors, vets and shire councillors.

SIGNATURES (all other parties must sign below as acknowledgement of the consent and declaration above)

Applicant 2	Signature	Date	/	/
Applicant 3	Signature	Date	/	/
Applicant 4	Signature	Date	/	/

CHECK LIST

**To avoid any delay in the processing of your application,
please ensure you have provided all the information listed below.**

Proof of property location

- Copy of latest Council Rates
- Lease documentation
- Share-farming contract

Information to support your application

- Part A – Description of livestock production, water availability on your property and how the proposed investment will improve water availability on your farm AND/OR
- Part B – Description of permanent horticultural plantings, water availability on your property and how the proposed investment will improve water availability on your farm

Proof of expenditure, or proposed expenditure

- Quotes for water infrastructure / tax invoice
- Photos of completed infrastructure, where available

Proof of income

- Most recent Taxation Returns for your farm business
- Also include individual Taxation Returns for each:
 - Individual members of a Partnership / Family Trust
 - Individual Director(s) / Shareholders(s) of all Companies

Bank Account Details

Do not send original Tax Returns

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

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