

Decision Points: Drought Resilience Program

Request for Quote (RFQ) process and information

The Southern NSW Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub (Southern NSW Innovation Hub) is seeking quotes from service providers to deliver **Decision Points: Drought Resilience Program** activities across the southern half of NSW.

About the Program

The Decision Points: Drought Resilience Program is a Hub initiative to fund and commission practical extension and adoption activities that help producers build drought resilience through interpretation of seasonal conditions, assessment of risk, and making informed decisions in the short, medium and/or long-term for their farming business in the face of uncertainty and climatic risk.

“Evidence-based decision-making” is a pillar of the Australian Government Drought Plan (2024) and the Hub acknowledges the important role that well-informed and timely decision-making by primary producers plays in enhanced drought resilience.

RFQ Round 1 – July 2026

Organisations with established networks, relationships and experience are invited to submit a quote outlining proposed **tailored extension and adoption activities for primary producers** in their region.

These activities should support improved decision-making in response to seasonal conditions, drought preparedness and recovery, and climate uncertainty.

Eligible activities include (but are not limited to):

- Workshops
- Information sessions
- Panel discussions
- Demonstrations
- Field days
- Webinars

NB: An organisation can submit only one quote in response to this Round 1 RFQ. One quote can include more than one activity, but the activities must be related.

Requirements

Decision Points: Drought Resilience Program quotes should:

- Describe the proposed activity/activities and delivery approach
- Include a communications plan
- Incorporate required monitoring and evaluation activities
- Demonstrate:
 - o Local producer challenges

- How the activity improves decision-making
- How it contributes to drought resilience

Consistent with the aims of the Future Drought Fund, proposed activities can not include in-drought support or assistance.

Organisations must:

- Deliver activities within 6–12 weeks of the RFQ closing date
- Agree to become a registered supplier with Charles Sturt University

NB: Southern NSW Innovation Hub is hosted by Charles Sturt University.

Assessment criteria

Quotes will be assessed against:

- Alignment to regional need (25%)
- Quality of approach (25%)
- Organisational capability and local experience (20%)
- Value for money (20%)
- Communications and engagement plan (10%)

Response time

The Hub will endeavour to respond within 10 working days of the RFQ closing date. It may seek clarification or additional information and reserves the right to accept or reject any quote, including all submissions.

NB: The Round 1 RFQ closes on Wednesday 5th July 2026.

Contact us

For questions or support, please contact Southern NSW Innovation Hub by email:
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