

PUBLIC NOTICE

McKinlay Shire Council is assisting to coordinate the roll out of emergency fodder drops for producers affected by this widespread flood disaster. Our first step is collating information on the local availability of hay and AvGas to make the immediate roll out of this task possible. AgForce data that producers are logging with them is being fed through to us. Our role is to assist with coordinating the supply of what hay and fuel we have available locally. If you are able to coordinate your own fodder drops, please do so. If you have not already been contacted by Kalan Lococo from McKinlay Shire Council, who is collating the status of local hay and AvGas, you can call him directly on 0437 011 808.

Concurrently, we have an additional team liaising with all levels of government and the Army to get more AvGas and more hay to our Shire. There are obviously huge impediments associated with these deliveries that we have to overcome such as, closed highways and railway lines. Please be assured that McKinlay Shire made a request for Army fuel earlier in the week however, logistics including the inclement weather have not made it possible to be delivered sooner. We have been advised that we can expect a small delivery by 15:00 8th February 2019. We have made additional requests for more AvGas and will continue to do so whilst there is demand in place.

DAF has confirmed with QRIDA that Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants will be available to assist with the following costs of eligible primary producers:

- a. the hire costs of a helicopter used to deliver fodder drops to stranded livestock;
- b. the costs of fuel associated with the use of an applicant's helicopter to deliver fodder drops;
- c. the costs as invoiced by a Local Government Authority for the use of a helicopter to deliver fodder drops;
- d. purchase of fodder

Joint Commonwealth State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Category C status has been activated in McKinlay Shire Council.

Category C recovery grants provides primary producers with access to grants of up to \$25,000 to aid with eligible clean up and restoration activities following a severe natural disaster. Category C grants are not a standard assistance measure and their activation in response to a disaster requires the written approval of the Prime Minister.

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