

# Drought Relief through the Drought Communities Support Initiative (DCSI)

The Commonwealth Government has provided several charities – including the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) – with an opportunity to distribute drought relief benefits to farmers, farm workers, and farm contractors and suppliers that have been adversely impacted by drought.

## Benefits

Approved applicants will receive:

- \$2000 paid directly to their bank account, and
- \$1000 as a voucher or paid off a bill you have from a business in your local town (e.g. fuel supplier, ag. business, farm supplier, pharmacist, your accountant).

To apply, complete and submit the on-line form, or fill in a printed copy of the form by hand and mail it to <ADDRESS> or email it to <e-ADDRESS>.

## Enquiries and assistance with applications

Rotary Commonwealth Drought Communities Programme (CDCP) contacts:

CDCP contact's name	LGA	Phone(s)	Email
	Bega Valley	02 6862 5424 0418 246 662	<a href="mailto:Ken.Engsmyr@bipond.com">Ken.Engsmyr@bipond.com</a>
	Bland		
	Blayney		
	Cabonne		
	Carrathool		
	Forbes		
	Lachlan		
	Oberon		
Ken Engsmyr	Parkes		
	Narrandera		

## Eligibility

- To be eligible to receive cash payments and/or vouchers the recipient of the benefit must be:
  - 18 years of age or older and a farmer, farm worker or farm supplier/contractor who:
  - lives and/or works in an eligible Local Government Area
  - is in need of financial assistance to pay for food, petrol, utility bills or another need, or is at imminent risk of not being able to pay for these goods and services.
- **The benefit provided is limited to one per household** to a maximum of up to \$3,000 that can comprise a combination of up to \$2,000 cash payments and up to \$1,000 in vouchers (to be expended before 30 June 2019).

Eligible Local Government Areas are those specified by the Minister responsible for Local Government and listed on [www.business.gov.au](http://www.business.gov.au) under the Drought Communities Programme.

## Claiming twice

You may apply to more than one provider for a \$3000 benefit, but benefits are limited to one per household. If you receive a benefit via one charity you should contact other charities you have applied to and cancel the additional applications. If you fail to do so it is likely you will be contacted by the Commonwealth and asked to pay back additional benefits received.