On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

Guidelines

1. Aim of scheme

The South Australian Government in partnership with the Australian Government is providing a rebate of up to 50 per cent (to a maximum of $50,000 - GST exclusive) to primary producers in drought affected areas for the costs associated with the purchase, installation and repairs to on-farm water infrastructure for livestock and permanent horticulture that:

- addresses animal welfare needs during drought
- assists primary producers to be more resilient for future droughts by protecting high value horticulture assets.

The Commonwealth Government provides a 25% rebate (up to $25,000) matched by the South Australian Government to be able to offer a rebate of up to 50% (max $50,000).

2. Assistance available

25% rebate

A 25% rebate is available for:

- Costs associated with the purchase, delivery and labour to engage a person to install

NEW LIVESTOCK water infrastructure incurred between 1 July 2018 & 30 June 2019.

- Costs associated with the purchase, delivery and labour to engage a person to undertake **REPAIRS AND UPGRADES TO EXISTING LIVESTOCK** water infrastructure incurred from **1 July 2019**.
- Costs associated with the purchase, delivery and labour to engage a person to undertake **REPAIRS AND UPGRADES TO EXISTING HORTICULTURE** groundwater bores

incurred from **1 July 2019**.

The maximum rebate that can be claimed is $25,000 (GST exclusive) per farm enterprise.

50% rebate (25% Commonwealth funded)

A 50% rebate is available for:

- Costs associated with the purchase and installation of **NEW** water infrastructure for **LIVESTOCK** or **EXISTING PERMANENT HORTICULTURAL PLANTINGS** incurred from **1 July 2019**.

The maximum rebate that can be claimed is $50,000 (GST exclusive) per farm enterprise.

Rebate limits

- The maximum total rebate claimable over the Scheme is $50,000 (GST exclusive).
- More than one rebate application can be made to the Scheme.

The announcement of additional funding for eligible activities by the State Government has resulted in an increase to the rebate available from 1 July 2019 onward. The availability of rebates is subject to funds being available for the Scheme. The Scheme will close on 31 March 2021 or when the funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

3. Applicant eligibility

To apply for this rebate under the Scheme the following conditions must be met:

a) You are a property owner, share-farmer or lessee in the livestock grazing industry or horticulture industry;
b) Your business operates as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company and produces agricultural products;
c) Your business is registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a primary producer, and has an Australian Business Number (ABN)
d) Your property is located in one of the eligible areas (refer to Attachment 1)
    i. If your primary production business is located outside the eligible Local Government areas you can make an application if you are able to demonstrate a critical water need for livestock or permanent horticultural plantings resulting from current seasonal conditions. These applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
e) As the property owner and operator, share-farmer or lessee,
    i. you earn more than 50% of your gross income from your primary production business under normal seasonal circumstances;

        OR

    ii. You have commenced your farming operation between 1 July 2015 and 30 June

2019 and 50% of your gross income will be derived from your primary production business within three years of the date of your Application. Eligibility of new entrants will be considered on a case by case basis

f) The water infrastructure in respect of your Application is installed for livestock permanently residing on your property or for permanent horticultural plantings established on your property.
g) You purchased new eligible water infrastructure for livestock on or after 1 July 2018.
h) You purchased new eligible water infrastructure for existing permanent horticultural plantings on or after 1 July 2019.
i) You undertook repairs or upgrades to eligible existing water infrastructure for livestock or existing permanent horticultural plantings on or after 1 July 2019.
j) You have not received funding from another South Australian / Australian Government program in respect of the same activities.
k) You will not be eligible to apply for funding under the Program if you have not met all the terms and conditions placed on any previous South Australian Government funding, grant or concessional loan provided to you.

4. Eligible activities

Rebates apply to the purchase and installation of **new** emergency water infrastructure for:

- Livestock (incurred after 1 July 2018) and;
- Permanent horticultural plantings (incurred from 1 July 2019) as listed below:

Rebates apply to repairs and upgrades to **existing** water infrastructure for:

- Livestock & Permanent horticultural plantings (incurred from 1 July 2019) as listed below:

Livestock – new infrastructure (50% Rebate from 1 July 2019)

a) Pipes;
b) Water storage devices such as tanks and troughs associated with stock watering
c) Water pumps;
d) De-silting works of existing dams, where you can demonstrate that the property does not have access to groundwater;
e) Drilling of new stock groundwater bores and associated power supply such as generators;
f) Desalinisation plants to ensure water from new stock bores is fit for purpose;
g) Other materials or equipment necessary to install the above (excluding machinery purchase);
h) Any freight component to purchase and install the equipment;
i) The professional installation costs to install the water infrastructure.

Livestock – existing infrastructure (25% Rebate from 1 July 2019)

j) Repairs and upgrades to existing water infrastructure (e.g. windmills, bores, tanks,dam linings);
k) Desilting and sludge removal from existing bores and tanks;
l) Installation of leak detection units, desalinisation units and water level sensors on existing infrastructure;
m) Plastic sheeting, covers associated with existing stock dams;
n) Other materials or equipment necessary to install the above (excluding machinery purchase);
o) Any freight component to purchase and install the equipment;
p) The professional installation costs to install or repair the water infrastructure.

Horticulture – new infrastructure (50% Rebate from 1 July 2019)

q) Drilling of new groundwater bores and associated power supply such as generators;
r) Desalinisation plants to ensure water from new horticulture bores is fit for purpose;
s) De-silting works of existing dams, where you can demonstrate that the property does not have access to groundwater;
t) Any freight component to purchase and install the equipment;
u) The professional installation costs to install or repair the water infrastructure.

Horticulture – existing infrastructure (25% Rebate from 1 July 2019)

v) Repairs and upgrades for groundwater bores and associated equipment/power supply such as generators, desalinisation plants used to supply permanent horticultural plantings;
w) Other materials or equipment necessary to install the above (excluding purchase of machinery);
x) Any freight component to purchase and install the equipment;
y) The professional installation costs to install or repair the water infrastructure.

Applicable Rebate

Eligible Activity	1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019	1 July 2019 onwards
Livestock - NEW	25%	50%
Livestock - EXISTING	0%	25%
Horticulture - NEW	0%	50%
Horticulture - EXISTING	0%	25%

5. Ineligible activities

Rebates are not available for:

- Water infrastructure that has been purchased to irrigate broad acre crops including cereal or for fodder production;
- Water infrastructure that has been purchased and installed where there is not an emergency animal need or permanent horticultural planting need or the potential for this need;
- Construction of new dams;
- Wages for your employees or your self-assessed labour costs1;
- Any obligations under statutory requirements (e.g. GAB bore capping)
- Water infrastructure to supply livestock where you have made a financial commitment prior to 1 July 2018;
- Water infrastructure to supply permanent horticultural plantings where you have made a financial commitment prior to 1 July 2019;
- Any costs for which you are seeking the rebate that have been or will be funded (including funding provided through a concessional loan scheme) under another government program (or the equivalent).

6. Applications

Applications will be reviewed against the criteria outlined in these Guidelines. Applicants should carefully consider activities against the eligibility criteria set out in the Guidelines before submitting an Application. Enquiries to clarify eligibility are welcome at any time via the PIRSA Recovery Hotline 1800 931 314.

Complete applications will be assessed in order of receipt. Incomplete applications will not enter the assessment queue until all required information is provided.

Applicants are required to warrant that the information provided in the application form is true and correct in every particular.

Submitted Applications may be subject to audit to determine compliance with Guidelines.

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[1] Where external contractors are not practical, available or are cost prohibitive in the circumstances to conduct works, reasonable own labour costs (with supporting explanation) will be considered on a case by case basis by the Scheme for the 25% State Government funded Rebate.

How to apply

Applicants must submit their completed application together with all supporting documentation to PIRSA using the Scheme Application form. Required supporting documentation includes:

- A copy of your latest council rates notice or other evidence of land ownership for the land on which the water infrastructure is or is to be installed. Alternatively, if the property is leased or share-farmed, attach a copy of the current lease or share- farming agreement.
- Additional documentary evidence requirements will vary depending on whether applicants have purchased and installed the water infrastructure, or are proposing new water infrastructure and are seeking 'in-principal' pre-approval prior to purchasing the water infrastructure.
- For water infrastructure that has been purchased and installed prior to submitting the application, applicants must supply copies of tax invoices or receipts evidencing expenditure incurred and photos of completed water infrastructure implemented (or other evidence of installation). Tax invoices or receipts must show full details of the goods or services supplied, clearly identifiable as related to water infrastructure costs, must identify the GST exclusive cost of those goods or services and must include the Applicant's business name, address and ABN.
- For water infrastructure that applicants are proposing, but have not purchased at the time of submitting an application, applicants can seek 'in-principal' pre-approval. Applicants seeking pre-approval are required to supply a written quotation for the proposed emergency water infrastructure. If approved, applicants will have 6 months to install the water infrastructure. On completion of installation, rebate recipients are required to forward tax invoices for all rebate claims and photos of completed water infrastructure. The rebate recipient must complete the project or activity and PIRSA will then reimburse payment of the rebate amount on satisfaction of completion.

Where to submit the application?

Applications can be submitted by email, post or in person. Completed applications (including supporting documentation) can be sent to:

Email: PIRSA.GrantsEnquiries@sa.gov.au

Post: On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme
PIRSA – Rural Solutions SA
GPO Box 1671
ADELAIDE SA 5001

In Person:

- **Clare** – 155 Main North Road, Clare
- **Kingscote** – 56 Dauncey Street, Kingscote
- **Loxton** – Bookpurnong Road, Loxton
- **Mount Gambier** – 9 Krummel Street, Mount Gambier
- **Murray Bridge** – Bremer Road, Murray Bridge
- **Port Augusta** – 12 Tassie Street, Port Augusta
- **Port Lincoln** – 1 Hindmarsh Street, Port Lincoln
- **Struan** – 74 Struan House Road, Riddoch Highway, Struan

If submitted at a PIRSA office, staff will undertake a preliminary check to confirm that the Application is complete and that you have provided all relevant supporting documentation.

Closing Date

Applications must be received no later than **5.00 p.m. (ACST) on 31 March 2021**. Late applications will not be accepted.

7. Assessment and Payment Processes

PIRSA reserves the right to request further information from you (including requesting financial information to verify primary producer status) to assist with the assessment of your Application or to verify any information provided in your Application.

The Minister (or Delegate) will make the final decision on approval of all Applications.

Successful Applicants will enter into a Grant Agreement with the Minister that commits the Applicant to purchasing and installing the Water Infrastructure (as per the Application).

Applicants should understand their legal rights and obligations under this Scheme. Before applying for financial assistance under this Scheme or making any decision to accept a rebate, applicants should seek advice from their legal, business and financial advisers to determine their eligibility for and the terms of the financial assistance.

Rebate Administration Process

Payment of the rebate will be made following an assessment of the Application, including receipt of evidence of expenditure incurred based on evidence such as tax invoices, receipts and photographs. GST expenses incurred by the Applicant will be excluded from the rebate calculation.

Before payment of the rebate is made, you will be required to submit a tax invoice to PIRSA for the amount of the grant (as approved by PIRSA) (plus 10% GST).

8. Other Information

Applicants are required to:

- Declare that they are a primary producer who normally spends more than 50 per cent of their labour on, and derives more than 50 per cent of their gross income from, a primary production enterprise.
- Retain all tax invoices for expenditure in relation to which the Application is made for at least two years following the Application.
- Consent to a PIRSA officer or delegate, if required, undertaking an inspection of the property and auditing records to verify the claim; and conducting an inspection and/or audit after the grant has been paid to verify the monies have been utilised for the intended purpose.

Note: The rebate is assessable income and must be declared to the Australian Taxation Office as part of your taxation reporting. Rebates may be subject to GST and income tax.

More information

For further information please contact: **PIRSA Drought Support Program**

Primary Industries and Regions **Phone: 1800 931 314** Email: PIRSA.drought@sa.gov.au

Attachment 1: Table of Eligible Local Government Areas

Region	Eligible Local Government Area	
Barossa	Barossa	
Eyre Peninsula	Ceduna Cleve Franklin Harbour	Kimba Streaky Bay Wudinna
Fleurieu Peninsula	Alexandrina	
Kangaroo Island	Kangaroo Island	
Mid/Upper North	Barunga West Clare and Gilbert Valley Flinders Ranges Goyder Light Mt Remarkable	Northern Areas Orroroo Carrieton Peterborough Port Pirie Wakefield
Murray Lands	Berri Barmera Coorong Karoonda East Murray Loxton Waikerie Mid Murray	Renmark Paringa Rural City of Murray Bridge Southern Mallee UIA Riverland
Pastoral	Coober Pedy Outback Areas Community Trust	Port Augusta Roxby Downs
South East	Tatiara	
Yorke Peninsula	Copper Coast Yorke Peninsula	

Please note: Farm businesses outside of the above Local Government areas can make an application if they can demonstrate a critical water need for livestock or permanent horticultural plantings resulting from current seasonal conditions. These applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.