



# Future Ready Regions Enhanced Drought Indicator System (EDIS)

## Stakeholder Engagement Survey

### What are we doing?

As part of the Future Ready Regions package announced in July 2021, NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has been tasked with upgrading the existing Enhanced Drought Information System ([EDIS](#)). The aim is to provide improved climate information and services to farmers that can be used for their business management decisions.

### Why are we doing this?

Extreme weather and climate events are a stressful time for farmers, communities and those providing services in regional areas. The provision of timely, easily accessible, reliable climatic data and forewarning is an important part of a wider set of actions needed to effectively navigate through extreme events, including droughts.

This survey is the first step in collecting the views of a wide variety of stakeholders on how to improve NSW DPI's climate information and services. Whether it be improved local accuracy of data and climate networks, better ways of communicating, or strengthening linkages to drought management and relief measures, it's critical for NSW DPI to understand the best ways to improve the information available to you to manage extreme events.

### How can you be involved?

Participating in the survey is the first step in guiding the development of NSW DPI's existing EDIS and State Seasonal Update services and understanding your experiences during extreme climatic events such as flooding and drought. This will assist us in gauging the potential for new products and services into the future. Your insights will be invaluable for us to know:

1. What types of climate information you use to help make farm management and business decisions?
2. How you prefer to access certain types of information?
3. What additional climate information are you looking for?

Your contribution and insights will help direct and focus the science and development activities for the Future Ready Regions EDIS Development program.

### What information are we collecting?

The Department will only collect personal information for a lawful purpose which directly relates to our functions and for obtaining feedback about the effectiveness of our services. The Department will not collect any more information than is necessary for it to fulfil these functions. The Department will not disclose your personal information to anyone without your consent unless legally required to do so.

Anyone engaged to collect, store or use personal information for the Department will be required to comply with the Information Protection Principles of the Act as part of their terms of engagement. For more information on how the department does this, refer to our Privacy Management Plan <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/privacy>

The Department takes all reasonable steps to protect the security of any personal information held, be it stored in electronic or hard copy format. Except in the circumstances set out in the Act, you may request access to your personal information held by the department.



### How will your privacy be protected?

By completing this survey, you authorise the NSW Government to use your responses for the purposes of **research on drought perception and preparation and improving the Enhanced Drought Information System (EDIS)**. The NSW Government will not use your personal information in any publication of its research, and will **publish the results only in de-identified, aggregated form**.

NSW DPI operates under the NSW Department of Regional NSW (DRNSW) Privacy Management Plan to comply with the NSW Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIPA) to protect personal information. Personal information is collected directly from you, where possible. We limit what we collect. For example, we'll only ask for your email address if we need to contact you via email.

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