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# NSWIC response to Government drought relief announcement

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The NSWIC strongly supports the Federal Government's announcement of drought relief including no-interest periods on drought loans for farmers and small businesses, support for remote students and economic stimulus for regional communities.

Of special emphasis is the Government's exciting announcement of 100 GL of water for fodder. In this regard the NSWIC's view is that we strongly support the Federal Government's initiative. 100 GL to grow purely fodder is an important means to keep breeding stock alive and to ensure the national recovery post-drought.

NSWIC wrote to the Minister raising the need for such urgent action on Monday 28 October and we are pleased that this announcement has been made.

The drought remains a major problem for not just irrigated agriculture farmers, but for all Australians as their costs of living rise.

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