



PRIME MINISTER

The Hon. Steven Marshall MP  
Premier of South Australia  
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Dear Premier Marshall

Thank you and the South Australian Government for agreeing to provide support to drought affected communities. I write to finalise the arrangements for the production of 100 gegalitres of water from the Adelaide Desalination Plant and the release of an equivalent amount to support drought-affected farmers (attached).

The current drought is having a devastating impact on farmers and agricultural communities in the Murray–Darling Basin and beyond. With the support of South Australia we can provide water to irrigation farmers in the southern Murray-Darling Basin through the Australian Government's *Water for Fodder* program. This will increase the amount of fodder and pasture available to support farming communities across the country while supporting farmers and irrigators in the Basin.

I have asked the Hon. David Littleproud MP, Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management to work with his South Australian counterpart, the Hon. David Speirs MP, Minister for Environment and Water, to finalise the delivery details and funding for the program. I expect that the *Water for Fodder* program will be opened and making water available to irrigators before the end of the year.

Again, I would like to reiterate my appreciation of the support of the South Australian government in partnering with the Commonwealth to deliver this innovative solution that will assist drought affected communities.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison', written over a light blue horizontal line.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP

cc. The Hon. David Littleproud MP, Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management  
The Hon. David Spiers MP, Minister for Environment and Water