# Drought resilience: Video description and transcript

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## Introduction

This is the accessible text transcript of a video for COP29 on the Australian Government’s approach to drought resilience.

## Transcript

[Video begins]

Screen 1: [Video description: text panel over background of a cattle herd.]

[Text]: As the driest inhabited continent, droughts are a recurring feature of Australia’s landscape.

Drought resilience is a key priority of the Australian Government.

Australia’s approach to drought policy emphasises preparedness, risk management, and financial self-reliance with an appropriate safety net always available to those experiencing hardship.

Governments, industry groups, farmers and their communities all play a role in drought management and resilience.

Preparedness is key to mitigating the impact of extreme events and enabling Australian farm businesses and rural communities to bounce back from drought.

The Australian Government’s Future Drought Fund, established in 2019, is helping build drought resilience across Australia’s agriculture sector, landscapes and communities.

The Future Drought Fund will deliver 10 high-impact programs that focus on: Partnering with communities for local solutions, including specific First Nations initiatives; building, knowledge, skills, and capability; and innovating for transformational change.

In 2023, Australia Joined the International Drought Resilience Alliance, launched by Spain and Senegal.

It is a platform for countries to put their heads together and look at ways we can move from crisis management to drought preparedness and adaptation.

It also encourages governments to allocate resources towards drought resilience.

To find out more, visit: agriculture.gov.au/COP29

[Video ends]

[End of transcript.]

**Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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