

Summary

Future Drought Fund: What Mob told us

A summary of market research commissioned by the Future Drought Fund



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About this Book

In this book:

- Future Drought Fund is money from the Australian Government to help prepare for dry times.
- Most Mob don't know about the Future Drought Fund.

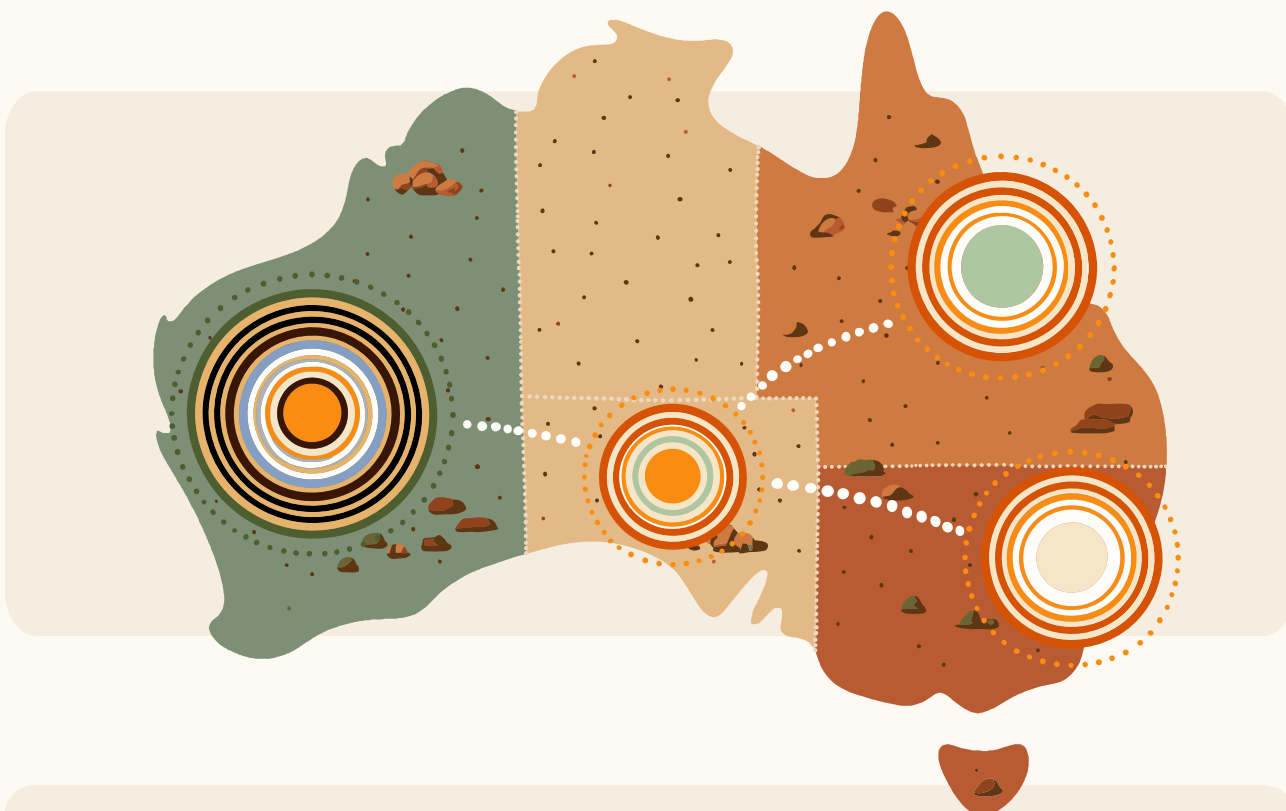


About this book

Winangali talked to Mob about dry times.



- We talked to Mob.
- Winangali is an Aboriginal organisation and works with Mob all the time.
- Government asked Winangali to talk to Mob.



The Government wanted to know.



- What drought means to Mob.
- How drought affects communities.
- What communities do to prepare for drought.
- How communities get funding (money) or help.

What Mob told us



Dry times means more than no rain

It hurts:



culture



Country



health



water



family

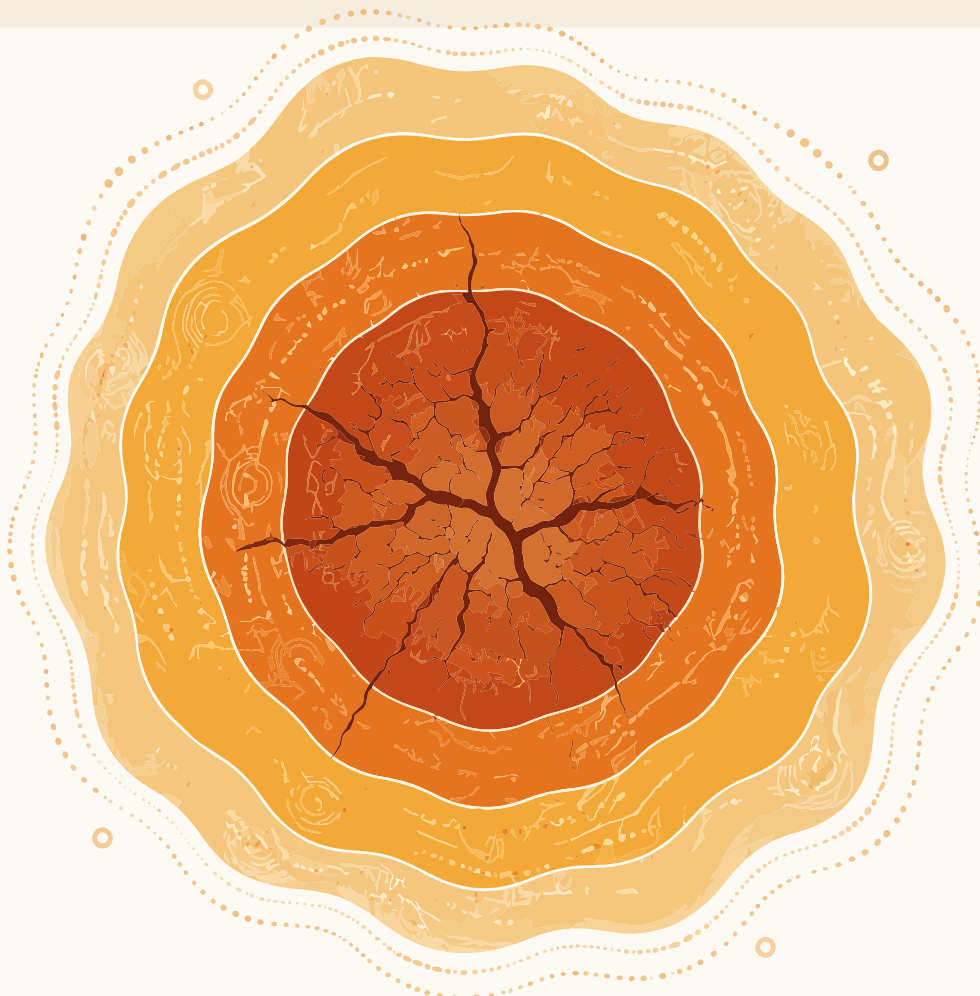
It's hard for Mob to gather food on Country and share cultural practices.



Most people find it hard to get ready for dry times.



Most people deal with drought when it happens.



What Mob told us



Use the correct language

Different community use different words for drought.

Drought



Dry times



Dry season



“ Water is culture.
When rivers dry up,
We can't fish,
Pass on culture,
or Heal. ”



What Mob told us



Dry times makes every day life hard



Food costs more money.



Bills cost more money too: petrol, power and medicine.



People worry about money.



Dry times is bad for mental and physical health.



It's harder to go on Country.



Life is harder for family and community.

Community wants to be prepared for dry times



People want better information before dry times begin.



People want information on what to do.



People want support for Elders and leaders.



More education for kids and community.

What Mob told us



Getting help is hard

The Future Drought Funds hard to understand because:



People don't get information about it.



The forms are hard to understand.



It is hard to know how to get funding.



It is hard to fill in the forms.



Most people thought the Future Drought Fund is only for Farmers.

What Mob told us



Trust and relationships are very important

Government needs to build good relationships with Mob
Talking to Mob once is not enough

Mob trusts:



- Aboriginal Community Organisations
- Aboriginal Medical Services
- Land Councils
- Elders and local leaders
- Ranger groups
- Local First Nations groups

Mob want to lead the yarning about dry times

First Nations knowledge is strong



First Nations know how to care for Country, water and land



This knowledge helps communities get ready for dry times



Communities want First Nations to lead and plan



What happens next?

Winangali wrote a report for government.

The report says:



- Support Mob and leaders to get ready for dry times.
- Water is also important for Culture, Health and Spirit.
- Make grants (money help) easier to understand, easier to apply for, and flexible.
- Support community leaders with better information
- Share information in local languages.
- Work with trusted organisations to share information.
- Connect ranger, Caring for Country, land and water, and health programs.



- Mob want to be ready for dry times.
- Mob have knowledge and want to share in a culturally safe way.
- Mob told us what is important.
- Your ideas will help the Future Drought Fund improve its work with First Nations communities.

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