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Tasmanian Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub



The Tasmanian Hub is led by the University of Tasmania (UTAS). The hub will build the capabilities of farmers and rural communities to better prepare for drought. It will do this by bringing together researchers, farmers, industry, natural resource managers and traditional owners to co-design relevant and useful innovative solutions.

Funding

The Australian Government will contribute \$8 million over 4 years through the Future Drought Fund. Hub partners will provide co-contributions of \$13.2 million over 4 years.

Locations

The core site is at UTAS' Hobart campus. Hub nodes in Launceston, Burnie, Forthside and Elliot will provide places for collaboration where farmers can connect with drought resilience expertise to increase the adoption of drought-resilience practices.

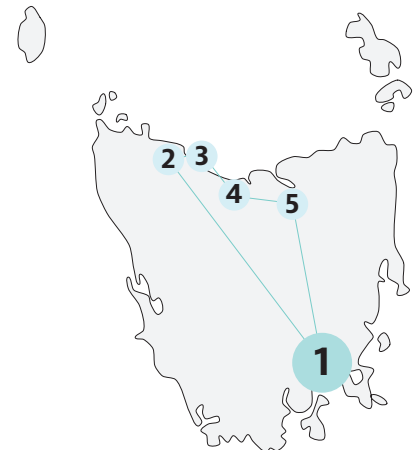
Key industries

Key industries include dairy, livestock, wool, vegetables, fruit, agro-forestry and various field crops.

Major focus

Competing demands for water intensify during droughts. The hub will empower farmers, water managers and other service providers to embrace new technology and practices to build drought resilience. The hub will see Tasmania's high-value, clean, green image sustained internationally.

Tasmanian Hub and node locations



- 1 TAS Hub Hobart
University of Tasmania
- 2 Elliot node
- 3 Burnie node
- 4 Forthside node
- 5 Launceston node

Tasmanian Hub leaders

Director: Associate Professor Katherine Jeanne Evans

Knowledge Broker: To be appointed.

Hub members

Beanstalk Agtech, Bush Heritage Australia, Cape Herbert and Highland Conservation, Cradle Coast Authority, Definium Technologies, Horticulture Innovation Australia, Hydro-Electric Corporation, Northern Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Association, Private Forests Tasmania, Rural Business Tasmania, Soils for Life, Southern Cross University, Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association, Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association, Tasmanian Irrigation, Tasmanian Land Conservancy, Tasmanian Women in Agriculture.

Further information

For more information, see [Future Drought Fund](#). You can also register for updates at haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/future-drought-fund.

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