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# Future Drought Fund

## Tropical North Queensland Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub



The Tropical North Queensland (TNQ) Hub is led by James Cook University (JCU). The hub will support farmers and communities to become more drought resilient.

### Funding

The Australian Government will contribute \$8 million over 4 years through the Future Drought Fund. Hub partners will provide co-contributions of \$18.5 million over 4 years.

### Locations

The core site is at the JCU Ideas Lab in Cairns. Hub nodes are in Gulf of Carpentaria, Gulf Savannah, Fitzroy, Burdekin, Mackay and the Whitsundays.

### Key industries and communities

*Drought has significant impact on the wellbeing of people and communities across Tropical North Queensland.*

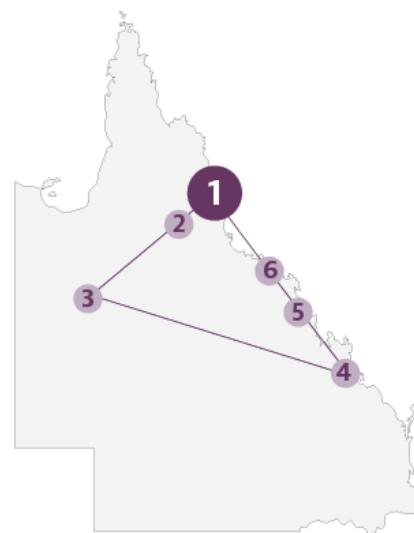
*Drought affects all industries but particularly Tropical North Queensland agriculture industries including sugar, beef, dairy, vegetable, citrus and tropical fruit.*

### Major focus

Through the hub, farmers, Indigenous landholders, communities, researchers and business will come together to co-design approaches and solutions for drought resilience in Tropical North Queensland.

Innovative approaches will be explored that translate into the Tropical North Queensland context and knowledge will be made available, shared and curated to ensure approaches and solutions are well informed.

### TNQ Hub and node locations



- 1 **TNQ Hub Cairns**  
James Cook University
- 2 **Gulf Savannah node**  
Northern Gulf Resource Management Group Ltd
- 3 **Gulf of Carpentaria node**  
Southern Gulf Natural Resource Management Pty Ltd
- 4 **Fitzroy node**  
Fitzroy Basin Association
- 5 **Mackay and Whitsundays node**  
Reef Catchments (Mackay Whitsundays Isaac) Ltd
- 6 **Burdekin node**  
NQ Dry Tropics Ltd

The hub will also input into building critical skills as a key input in building resilience to drought and leveraging new tools, approaches and technology.

### TNQ Hub leaders

Director: Dan Christie

Knowledge Broker: Dr Rachel Hay

### Hub members

Enterprise Management Group Pty Ltd, Landcare Australia Ltd, Northern Gulf Resource Management Group Ltd, NQ Dry Tropics Ltd, Fitzroy Basin Association, Reef Catchments (Mackay Whitsundays Isaac) Ltd, Sensand Technologies Pty Ltd, Southern Gulf Natural Resource Management Pty Ltd, Sugar Research Australia Ltd, Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance Inc, University of Queensland.

### Further information

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

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