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Minister for DAFF John McVeigh

Minister I am concerned about the lack of real support coming from the Qld Govt for us farmers who have been devastated by this continual drought.

You say that now 70 % of Qld is drought stricken.

I have an idea I would like you to consider.

When I look at what the Govts are spending on the “ boat” people and now for new planes and submarines, that will all be built overseas I see no real spending and support the Govt offers to the farmers.

So my suggestion is this.

Why doesn't the Govt engage any spare Army personal, all excavator and dozer operators to get access to all the farms and begin by de-silting all the dams that have dried up.

Most of us farmers are now broke. We have had to sell off all our cattle as the cost of buying in feed had more than doubled and now due to the drought our dsams have dried up.

Qld is in a diabolical mess. We need help urgently.

I'd like to see new dams built on all properties, deep dams to hold water for at least 2 years, have them fenced off and by using a solar powered pumps have water drawn upto concrete troughs set on concrete slabs so the animals wont break up the ground around them.

We know it will rain sometime, but I'd just like the Govt to realise that without water to all farmers being livestock or grain producers our production will soon be dead and everything will have to be imported from overseas.

Our stock and produce is better than overseas imports, so please can you do the right thing and make efforts to help drought proof Qld.

Thank you.

Simon Stretton.

