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### **Drought Support Inquiry**

I would be interested in being involved in your inquiry. I am a fruit grower of citrus and apricots on a 25 acre property. I have never made any money from citrus. Because of the drought 11 acres of citrus have died. I have just spent and at the moment installing drip irrigation on the remaining 16 acres from the \$20,000 grant from the Government. I am also on drought assistance Centrelink payments.

I could apply for another \$5,000 grant for someone to come and tell me my block is not viable when I know it's not. A lot more money needs to be spent to make it viable like hedging of trees (old trees). I had to decide where I needed to spend the \$20,000 wisely and irrigation was top priority as my underground pipes were all original and leaking (54 years old).

I don't know where to turn next and what the future will hold. I am 54 and ready to walk off.

Yours sincerely

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