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I respond to the invitation to provide submissions to the Inquiry into Government Drought Support. I apologise for the lateness of my submission.

I note the inquiry's terms of reference and offer the following suggestions.

- Government business support and income support measures should be targeted to improve the efficiency and self-reliance of individual farmers, rather than funds being distributed across broad rural areas.
- Financial assistance from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments should not be used to sustain unviable properties but rather to sustain and invigorate viable properties that are temporarily affected by drought.

Yours sincerely

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