

## Drought - Resources and Support for Farmers

Mr Shelton question to MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRIES and WATER

My question comes after many discussions that we had out at Agfest. I take this opportunity to congratulate the Agfest committee on a wonderful Agfest this year. In so doing I declare an interest, because two of my grandkids were on the rural youth working committee, so well done to them.

Farmers from my electorate of Lyons had to work through a drought and prolonged dry conditions during 2024. Now, many of them are facing it once again, particularly in southern Lyons, around the Oatlands area and as you travel further south, with below-average rainfalls in the last 12 months. Can you provide an update on the current seasonal conditions and outline what support the Tasmanian government is providing to help farmers in Lyons - and elsewhere of course, prepare and manage ongoing dryness issues and build resilience for the season ahead?