

# WESTERN QUEENSLAND DROUGHT COMMITTEE INC.

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Hello Small Business Operator / People on the Land,

The Western Queensland Drought Committee Inc. has been providing relief to families impacted financially, socially or emotionally by drought across many western shires for a number of years now.

Recently we were successful in accessing a grant through the **Queensland State Government, Department of Communities, Disabilities and Seniors**, for funds under the **Community Drought Support Program 2019-2020**. The funds are to be used for Flexible Financial Hardship relief, in 11 of the LGA's serviced by the WQDC Inc. These funds will be distributed as cash payments for use on personal items, following both our Charity and the Grant guidelines.

Due to changes in laws, Westpac can no longer provide us with giftcards and commercial providers cannot match the conditions that Westpac offered. So with your co-operation we are converting to Direct Deposit of funds to your **PERSONAL** bank account. Let me assure you we keep this information confidentially, and it can only be used to deposit funds. We cannot deposit into a business account, as it would compromise the charity rules we operate under. This would compromise our ability to support people in the future.

If you are concerned, please speak with other business owners in your locality- about half of whom have already taken up our offer in March and April. If you chose not to accept this offer, we will not bother you with further letters. Should you change your mind in the future you will need to contact us directly.

We know our donation to you won't even make the slightest dent in the debt and uncertainty you are facing but we hope it lightens your load a little by knowing there are still people who care.

We have **\$AMOUNT\$** available for you as a small business owner or someone on the land which must be used on essential personal items to align with our charity status. Examples include fresh fruit, vegetables and meat, school supplies and medications.

Please accept this offer from us and the State Government to you.

In order to do this, can you please complete the attached sheet, which includes a personal identifier number, then return it to us in one of the ways listed by the **DATE**.

Our terms and conditions are overleaf.

Wishing you well

The Committee of the Western Qld Drought Appeal.

*David Phelps*

*Chairperson*

*Nicki Heslin*

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## WESTERN QUEENSLAND DROUGHT APPEAL - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The funds to be issued by the Western Queensland Drought Committee (WQDC) Inc. for your use, subject to these terms and conditions. The requirements for **YOUR USE OF These Funds ARE THAT:**

- you have assessed your eligibility to receive funds (see below);
- funds can only be used for essential personal purchases (see below);
- you understand and accept that evidence of purchases using these funds may be requested for Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission audit purposes; and are prepared to supply these to WQDC Inc.
- you understand and accept these terms and conditions.

To be eligible to accept these funds you must:

- live and operate either
  - a business within a council area in Western Queensland (defined below); OR
  - live on a drought affected farm within Western Queensland (defined below);
- if you own more than one business and/or property you are entitled to distributions to your principal place of residence , provided it is within Western Queensland (defined below);
- be affected by the drought, that is, you would otherwise be forced to forgo purchasing essential personal services; and
- be the intended recipient of the funds as per the addressed envelope.

Your application for these funds demonstrates that you understand and accept that you:

- will use the funds for **PERSONAL** expenses such as medical (doctors, dentists, pharmacy etc.), education (school fees etc.), groceries, or other personal expenses;
- will spend the funds within Western Queensland (defined below);
- will provide a copy of the receipts, preferably by email to WQDC Inc., within a month of using the funds. [admin@wqda.org.au](mailto:admin@wqda.org.au)
- **WILL NOT USE THESE FUNDS ON ANY BUSINESS EXPENSES** (such as electricity, telecommunications, registrations, rates, rents, working animal foods, business fuel and tyres etc.) or to pay anything invoiced to a business entity;
- will not use the funds for alcohol or tobacco purchases.
- agree to the WQDC Inc. contacting you from time to time and holding your details on file for this purpose; and
- If you are uncertain of your eligibility or of the meaning of these terms and conditions, please contact the WQDC Inc. for clarification.

Western Queensland is defined by the Queensland Government Statistician's Office as those areas of Queensland considered the Central West, North West, the Gulf and South West.

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## APPLICATION

I wish to apply for **\$AMOUNT\$** from WQDA funds to be used for personal purchases  
I understand only one allocation per business/family is possible.  
I agree to provide copies of the purchase receipts to WQDC Inc for audit purposes.

My details are below:

Recipient Address Label  
including code here

NAME OF BUSINESS OWNER/ MANAGER

PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT NAME ( under our  
charitable status guidelines we need to pay  
directly into a personal bank account NOT a  
business).

BSB \_\_\_\_\_

Account number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## RETURN BY DATE

You can either **RETURN THE FORM** to us by one of the following:

**Preferred method: EMAIL:** Scan/photo the form to us: [finance@wqda.org.au](mailto:finance@wqda.org.au)

**POST :** PO Box 496 Longreach Qld 4730

**SMS** photo and details to us : 0427171891

**PHONE** 46581164 with details including the personalized code on your address label.

**Please help us to help you!**

If we do not have the name of the owner of this business, please update your details with WQDC Inc, as this may impact on eligibility for future distributions.

If you aware of any business who you believe is eligible and has not received this assistance, please ask them to contact us, or you can provide their details to us.

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