The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), the Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC), together with the Shires of Dumbleyung, Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace and Wagin, with support from Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management (WNRM) will work to deliver a regional drought resilience plan for the Southern Wheatbelt region. The regional drought resilience planning process brings regional organisations, local government, communities and industry together to prepare for future drought risk and identify priority actions to build drought resilience.

Map of the 5 local government areas participating in the foundation year of the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program in the Wheatbelt.

This project is jointly funded through the Australian Government’s Future Drought Fund and the WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.
The Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program is one of the programs under the $5 billion federal Future Drought Fund, a fund that invests in building resilience to drought for farmers, allied industries and regional communities. In Western Australia, during the foundation year, drought resilience plans will be developed in the Great Southern, Mid West and Wheatbelt regions.

Regional drought resilience plans are community led plans that present the historical and expected future impacts of drought in the focal regions, based on the best available evidence. The plans will also contain an assessment of drought risk and adaptation pathways, based on expert input and extensive stakeholder consultation. Finally, plans will include a pipeline of investable drought resilience projects that address the specific needs and priorities of agriculture and allied industries and inform future investments in drought resilience and agricultural adaptation in the regions.

In the Southern Wheatbelt region, we have established a Project Advisory Committee made up of local government representatives, including elected members representing the business and agriculture sector, to guide development of the plan.

We are working hard to develop a drought resilience plan that will help to ensure that our regional communities are prepared for future droughts, positioning them to take advantage of emerging opportunities for investment in drought resilience in the Wheatbelt.

We respectfully acknowledge the Ballardong, Wagyl-Kaip and Gnaala Karla Booja People of the Noongar Nation, who are the Traditional Owners and original natural resource managers of the lands and waters in the Shires of Dumbleyung, Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace and Wagin. We pay our respect to their Elders and leaders, past, present and emerging.