

**SUPPORT FOR DROUGHT AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN NEW SOUTH
WALES**

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Hi

I am writing on behalf of myself and everyone like me in this drought. I am not a farmer or a primary producer, but we are a family with 4 horses. We have no grass at all. We have at times been unable to even source hay to feed our horses. When I have contacted charities that were dealing with the distribution of donated hay, they were always unable to help.

I still wanted to pay for my hay, I just couldn't find anywhere to buy it! But because it was donated hay, they couldn't sell it. Because I'm not a farmer, I wasn't eligible for a donation. There were a lot of people in our position as well. I understand farmers are the most important, but it would be amazing if you could have something in place for when the hay supply dries up again, that families like ours in severe drought areas can access hay, so we are still able to feed our animals.

Thanks



