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Australia's DairyTas embarks on farm business resilience pilot program securing $4M grant

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Australia's Dairy Tasmania has rolled out a successful farm business resilience pilot program designed to help Tasmanian farmers adapt to a changing climate and prepare for risk management. DairyTas is leading the way to build on-farm resilience, disaster preparedness and risk management to promote competitive sustainable production at Tasmanian dairy sector.

Governments have committed over $4 million to the new *Tasmanian Farm Business Resilience Program,* under the Australian Future Drought Fund.

Federal Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister, Murray Watt said, "We are committed to working collaboratively with government and industry to ensure businesses are equipped for the future. We are pleased to commit federal funding to develop more resilient communities.â?•

Over the next two years, the target is for at least 300 farming businesses to receive subsidised learning opportunities and develop farm business plans. These plans will be tailored to a participantâ??s own agribusiness, risks, and situation.

Tenders are now open for industry groups and service providers to deliver similar farm business resilience plans across all Tasmanian regions.

The Program runs until late 2025.

Additionally, the Tasmanian Government will support a $450,000 partnership with Dairy Tas to deliver its *Our Farm Our Plan* framework to 75 dairy farmers.

"Developing a climate ready agricultural sector is a priority to unlocking the Rockliff Liberal Governmentâ??s target to grow agriculture value to $10 billion by 2050. We know this starts on the farm, supporting farmers, farm managers, and their employees with training and coaching to develop or update their own plans for their own business in their own way. The Tasmanian Farm Business resilience program has been designed with the ethos developed by farmers for farmers" explained Tasmanian Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Jo Palmer.

The program will give farmers access to workshops and one-to-one support to consider their long-term goals, business management and risks, investment priorities, natural resource management, climate change, succession plans, sustainable irrigation, and farm safety.