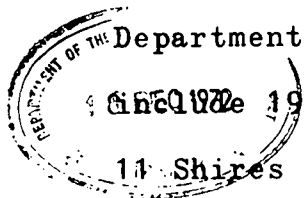


PRESS STATEMENT

DECLARATION OF DROUGHT AREAS

Further areas in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia have been declared drought areas for the purpose of redeeming Drought Bonds a spokesman for the



Department of Primary Industry announced today. The areas
19 Pastures Protection Boards in New South Wales,
11 Shires in Victoria and 5 Shires in each of Queensland and
Western Australia.

Notice of the new declarations appeared in the Commonwealth Gazette on 30 November 1972.

"Drought Bonds may be redeemed on account of drought where the area in which the bondholder's property is located is declared a drought area for this purpose by the Minister for Primary Industry", the spokesman said. "Bonds may also be reedeemed during a period of twelve months after a declaration is revoked."

"Redemption forms may be obtained from the Reserve Bank or from offices of the Commonwealth Loans Organisation in State Capital cities."

"Proceeds from redemption of Drought Bonds are included in the taxpayer's assessable income in the year in which the Bonds become redeemable."

Canberra.

6 December 1972.

DROUGHT AREAS DECLARED

New South Wales

The Pastures Protection Districts of:-

Bourke	Deniliquin	Molong
Brewarrina	Denman-Singleton	Mudgee
Broken Hill	Forbes	Narrandera
Canonba	Hay	Walgett
Condobolin	Hillston	Wilcannia
Coonabarabran	Merriwa	Yass
Coonamble		

Victoria

The Shires of:-

Bulla	Mildura	South Gippsland
Charlton	Nathalia	Walpeup
Gordon	Numurkah	Waranga
Kerang	Swan Hill	

Queensland

The Shires of Balonne, Bulloo, Jericho, Mount Morgan and Paroo.

Western Australia

The Shires of Marble Bar, Nullagine, Port Hedland, Roebourne and Tableland.