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The Commonwealth Government has agreed to provide financial support for new relief measures to aid four states in the battle against drought.

The new measures are:

- . extension of freight subsidies to the carriage of water for drought affected primary producers in NSW and Queensland;
- . assistance in meeting the cost of installing new bores where required by drought conditions in Victoria;
- . the provision of rehabilitation grants for local government to assist in the clearing of roads from sand drift in South Australia

The provision of additional money by the Commonwealth, over and above funds it has already committed, is to meet measures which the states have indicated they wish to implement.

This demonstrates clearly the Commonwealth's continuing concern for primary producers caught in the grip of the present serious drought in mainland Australia.

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