

Helping hands in times of need

DROUGHT

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HUNTER NEW ENGLAND
AND CENTRAL COAST

An Australian Government Initiative



WHEN/WHY

- Approx 75% of the Hunter New England Region is experiencing drought
- Supporting primary care clinicians and people in times of drought is a key priority for Hunter New England Central Coast PHN.



HOW

- A drought working party established
- Clinical pathway developed for primary care clinicians to assist patients access appropriate services
- Patient info feature topic established for consumer utilisation.



OUTCOMES

- Collaboratively produced resources for people's care during drought
- Drought clinical pathway has been shared with the HealthPathways community (29 Australian sites) and adapted by 5 regions to date to assist in other rural areas
- Clinical pathway is scalable to accommodate future disaster relief expansion (eg. flood, bushfire support).

