

NORTHERN TERRITORY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC.

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Cattlemen head back to Canberra with drought application

- Central Australian pastoralists are faced with the 3rd and 4th year of severe drought conditions with little to no rain over the past 36 months.
- Tomorrow, NT Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) President Mr Roy Chisholm will lead a drought delegation to Canberra to meet with the Minister for Agriculture Mr Peter McGauran.
- Mr Chisholm said 'Although only 12 properties are declared in the 2nd year of NT Government drought, many other properties are affected by this natural disaster in Central Australia. Many producers were either too proud or affected by previous drought application to re-apply this time'.
- Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) believes that 20-25 properties in total are affected by this severe drought conditions.
- 'These properties deserve the same Australian Government Exceptional Circumstance (EC) assistance as properties in NSW, QLD, VIC and SA'. said Mr Chisholm.
- 'Our Central Australian members manage a landmass in excess of 200,000 square kilometres producing 60,000 high quality cattle per year in a traditional season. Many pastoralists have already moved stock to agistment or sold-off key breeding stock to relieve pressure from the pastoral estate'. said Mr Chisholm.
- 'NTCA and Department Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mining worked tirelessly to deliver a complete Exceptional Circumstances drought package to Canberra. The NT Drought Committee chaired by the Mr Chisholm are confident that Federal Agriculture Minister Peter McGauran will help our Central Australian producers who are currently looking down the barrel of a long dry summer'. Said Mr. Chisholm

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