



Small Business Drought Support

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Small businesses and communities across NSW have been hard hit by ongoing drought.

Here are some of the support programs available to support you.

Dealing with business to business disputes

The Small Business Commission provides a free consultation service to advise you on a range of options available to you to resolve business to business disputes. **Email** we.assist@smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au

Saving on energy

Here are some top tips on electricity and gas plans from the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON):

- ▶ ask your retailer if you are on the best deal or shop around
- ▶ before you sign a new offer, read the terms and conditions carefully – consider contract length, payment options, whether it is a standard or market contract, billing frequency and price.
- ▶ use the free, independent Business Energy Advice Program (BEAP) from the Federal Government at checkyourenergyspend.com.au
- ▶ if you have a dispute with your energy provider, contact EWON on 1800 246 545 or visit ewon.com.au

Try the NSW Business Chamber's energy bill comparison service at energy.nswbusinesschamber.com.au



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Professional business advice

If you need help with:

- ▶ business planning
- ▶ adjusting to change
- ▶ managing revenue and cash flow

The NSW Government's Business Connect advisors can help.

Call **1300 134 359** or register industry.nsw.gov.au/businessconnect to book a meeting with a local advisor.

Rural Adversity Mental Health Program

The Rural Adversity Mental Health Program can link you with mental health support across NSW.

Call **02 6363 8444** to find out more.

Skills training for drought-affected business owners

The NSW Government is subsidising skills training for businesses impacted by the drought to diversify business practices and provide a pathway to alternative income sources or new career.

Apply online at www.training.nsw.gov.au

Tax assistance and deductions

INSTANT TAX WRITE OFF

If you purchased a business asset (new or second hand) for under \$30,000, which was installed and ready for use from **7.30pm AEST on 2 April 2019**, you can claim a deduction through your tax return.

TAX ASSISTANCE

If you're having a tough time, Revenue NSW can help with **payroll tax**. Call **1300 139 815** to find out more.

The Australian Tax Office can also waive interest charged, set up payment plans with interest free periods and give you more time to pay.

For more information about how our team can help, get in touch.



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