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**Letter to the editor**

**Vinnies QLD is here to help drought affected farming families**

With more than 57 per cent of our state currently in drought, St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) Queensland is ready to support drought affected families and communities.

Vinnies Drought Relief for Queensland Farming Communities Appeal helps struggling families in regional Queensland with not only the severe financial strain caused by drought, but essential items and services such as food, fuel, bills, water and feed for livestock.

We need the public's support to help us raise more funds to assist as many drought affected Queenslanders as possible, with every dollar donated going directly to the victims of this devastating disaster.

Your donations will help those who live in rural and regional communities to keep a roof over their head and their livelihoods alive.

Vinnies is a permanent local presence, providing assistance throughout our state, reaching out and giving a hand up to people who have lost or are facing the loss of everything.

When the rain comes, as we hope and pray it does, we will still be there offering assistance and friendship to drought affected families and individuals as they rebuild their lives.

Farmers and regional communities are the backbone of Queensland and they need our help now more than ever.

**To make a donation, visit <http://bit.ly/HelpQLDFarmingCommunities> or call 13 18 12.**

And if you need assistance please don't hesitate to call the Vinnies Helpline on 1800 846 643.

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State President  
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**ENDS.**

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