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Farmers demand drought relief but Premier provides "a coordinator"?

Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party MLC Robert Brown lambasted Premier Gladys Berejiklian's much-hyped drought announcement in Dubbo today.

Farmers expected further financial support, but instead the Premier announced the appointment of a new public servant position: State Drought Coordinator.

"Is the Premier kidding?" a surprised Mr Brown asked when he learned of the announcement.

"The Premier went to Dubbo with news of drought relief, and despite the State being awash with cash, she's delivered nothing.

"Farmers wanted cash, but all they got today is a well-paid public service appointment.

"The Nationals are confused about the past, embarrassed about the present, and clueless about the future.

"Farmers across New South Wales are demanding additional funding and subsidies, but the Government isn't listening.

"I really am surprised that the heartfelt cries for help from farmers have been ignored by the National Party and Liberal Party Government.

"Farmers don't need more debt and loans as drought assistance, they need financial support now.

"The Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party is calling for immediate legislated drought relief grants for farmers.

"We will support anybody who wants to join us in fighting for struggling farmers."

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