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**Labor's distraction from their Future Drought  
Fund betrayal**

Labor's latest move on banks is simple tokenism and an attempt to distract from the fact they voted against the Future Drought Fund, Minister for Agriculture David Littleproud said today.

The Future Drought Fund will put aside \$5 billion to supply \$100 million a year for drought support, preparedness and resilience. It has passed the House of Representatives despite Labor voting against it so it can put that money towards city roads and rail.

"No matter what headlines Labor gets for these stunts, the fact is Labor voted against the Future Drought Fund," Minister Littleproud said.

"Federal and state governments of all political persuasions have already committed to a National Debt Mediation framework for farmers. This is the proper mechanism to achieve a consistent and fair approach between banks and farmers in stress.

"These Labor stunts are not backed up with any dollars. The Future Drought Fund will deliver \$100 million a year for drought but Labor wants to spend that on roads and rail in the cities.

"Farmers will always remember Labor voted against the Future Drought Fund and no amount of Labor distractions will change that."