
Climate Change Adjustment Program And Transitional Income Support

Rural Policy and Innovation



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Australia's Farming Future Objectives

Australia's Farming Future programs aim to assist primary producers to adjust and adapt to climate change:

Climate Change and Productivity Research Program

- to undertake research on managing emissions and adaptation

Climate Change Adaptation Partnerships Program

- to increase our understanding of climate change impacts and improve on-farm preparedness

Climate Change Adjustment Program (CCAP)

- to provide primary producers with professional advice, training and adjustment assistance



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Climate Change Adjustment Program

Climate Change Adjustment Program (CCAP) is a four year program commencing 1 July 2008

- assists farmers to develop options for on farm climate change strategies and practices
- seek specific professional advice and training or adjustment assistance
- offers re-establishment assistance to farmers who decide to leave farming



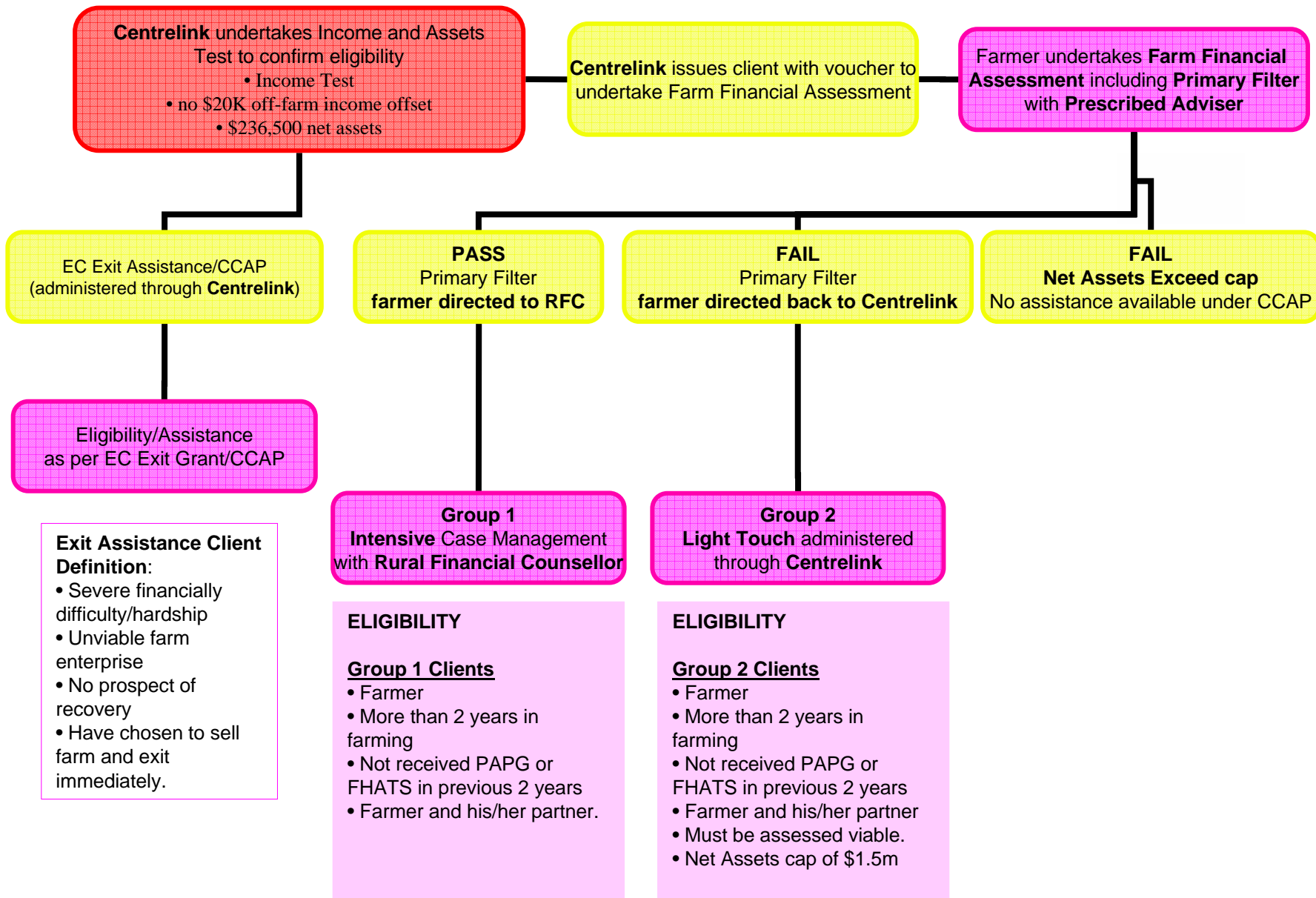
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Adjustment Assistance

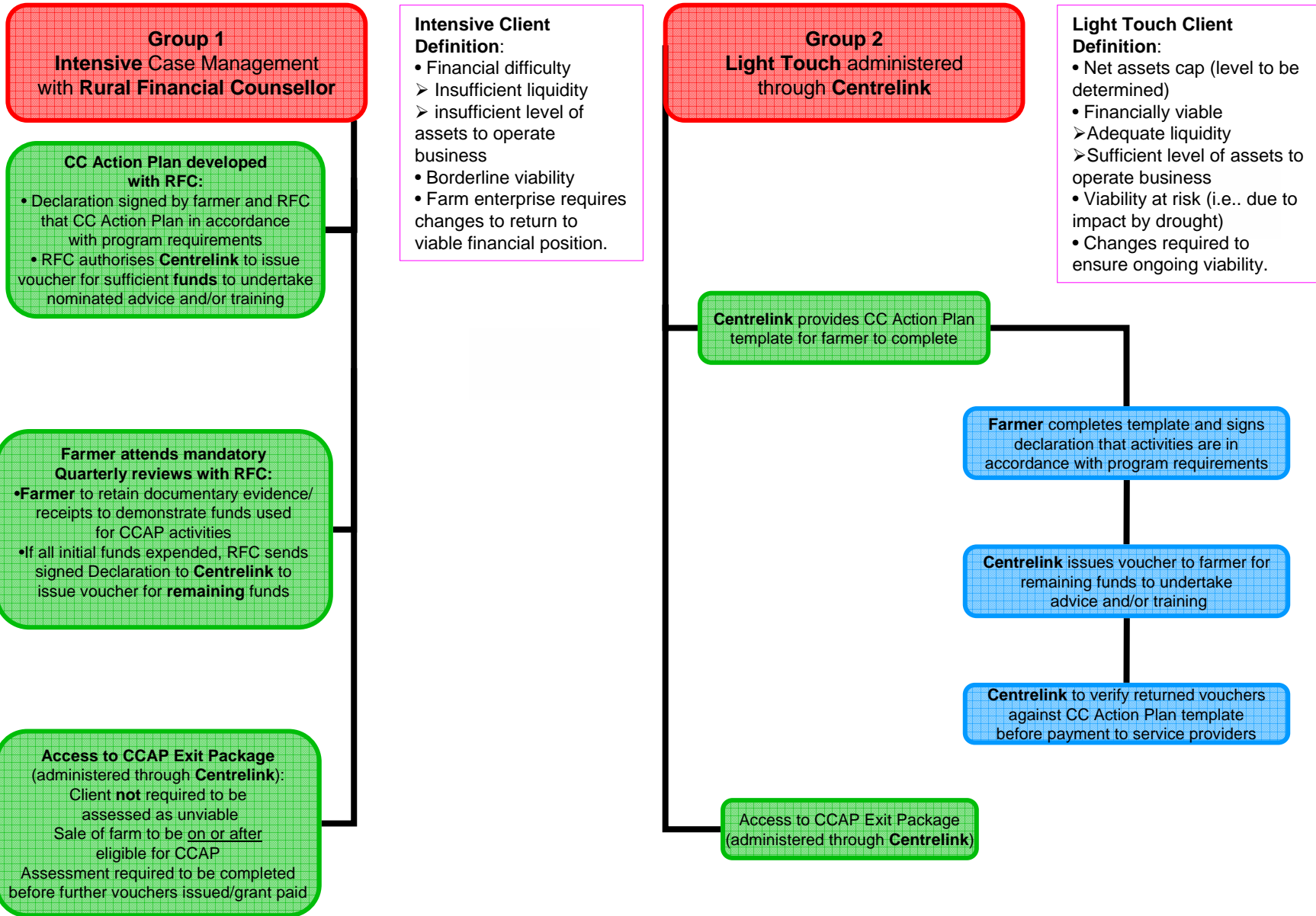
- **up to \$5500 to eligible farmers for:**
 - a financial assessment of the farm business
 - assistance to develop and implement a Climate Change Action Plan
 - professional advice, information and adjustment training
- **up to \$150 000 in Re-establishment assistance:**
 - Re-establishment grants to eligible farmers on sale of farm
 - Net assets below \$350 000 after sale of farm
 - Tapers down until \$575 000 is reached



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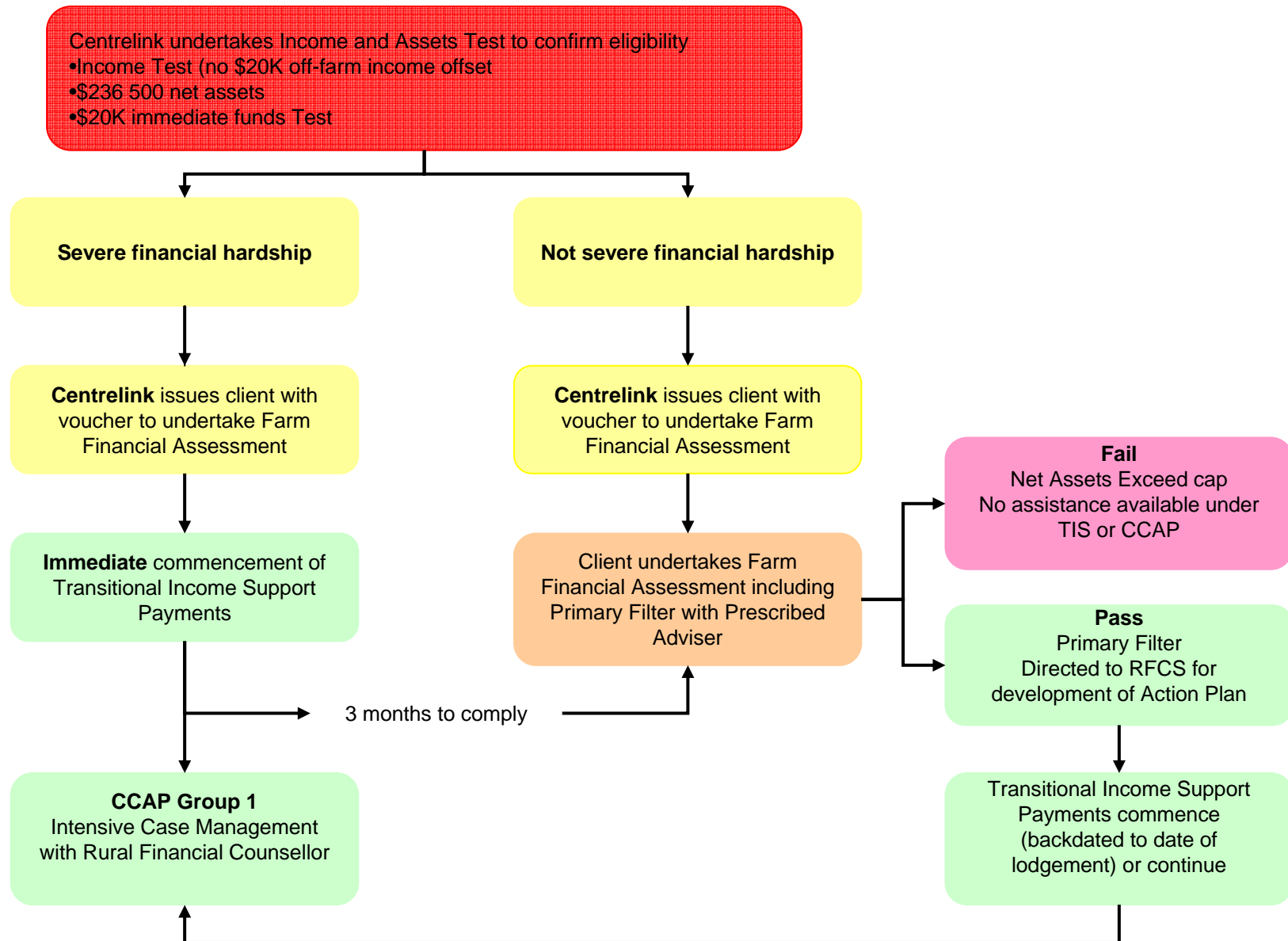


Transitional Income Support

- **Transitional Income Support (TIS) assists farm families in financial difficulty to manage the impacts of climate change**
 - offers up to 12 months income support at the same rate as Newstart Allowance
 - Available from 16 June 2008 – 30 June 2009
- **To access transitional income support, farmers must undertake mutual obligation through the Climate Change Adjustment Program**
 - Professional advice and training available under CCAP
 - Entry as a Group 1 client



Transitional Income Support



- **Rural Financial Counsellors will assist farmers on Transitional Income Support in same manner as farmers on CCAP**
 - help plan and access professional advice and adjustment training
 - provide the case management to ensure farmers on CCAP and TIS work through the mutual obligation process to achieve their stated objectives and outcomes, either on or off the farm

Most CCAP clients will access TIS



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Rural Financial Counsellor's Role

- To administer Intensive Case Management
- Develop Action Plans with clients
 - sign declarations with farmer stating Action Plan is in line with program requirements
 - authorise Centrelink to issue vouchers for advice and training and TIS payments (if applicable)
- Run mandatory quarterly reviews with producers
- Help eligible farmers access CCAP Exit Package



Centrelink's Role

- **Test applicant's eligibility for CCAP assistance**
- **Issue clients with vouchers for Farm Financial Assessment**
- **Administer Light Touch**
 - Provide CC Action plan template for farmer to complete
 - Issue vouchers for advice and training
 - Verify returned vouchers against CCAP template
 - Administer access to the CCAP Exit Package
- **Assist RFCs to administer Intensive Case Management**

