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## Renewed hope for drought relief bid

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A group of central-west New South Wales farmers is considering appealing a decision to reject a bid for Exceptional Circumstances (EC) drought relief following a breakthrough by landholders in the state's north.

The Federal Government has approved a bid for EC by farmers at Bundarra, despite their submission being knocked back by the National Rural Advisory Council earlier this year.

Rob Lennon from the Central West Drought Action Group says the flip has given renewed hope for landholders in the Dunedoo-Mudgee region.

"So that's great news for the 120 or so farmers up there and I believe that they may well give hope to farmers in our Dunedoo - Mudgee area for possible drought inclusion also," he said.

"If we could find some favourable avenues, I think it's certainly possible that we could pursue something."

But he says it is too early to know whether they have a good chance of being successful if they re-apply.

"I think we need to be very cautious," he said.

"I think our chances are still not terribly good and I don't want to get anyone's hopes up.

"We were turned down as recipients of the EC very unfairly I believe and I think that if there's a chance then we need to have a think about it and the Central West Drought Action Group will be doing just that very shortly."

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