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FREE EYRE NEEDS MORE FUNDS

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Free Eyre - a company that's been set up to help farmers to diversify on Eyre Peninsula, is asking farmers for more money.

The company needs five million dollars to put behind their grain marketing arm - so far they've only received \$750 thousand. They want to keep the company in the control of farmers, which is why they're calling on the farming community to give more.

Mike Wake, farmer and non-executive director of Free Eyre said that he's confident that despite the drought, the company will get the support:

"This is a chance to draw a line in the sand and to say 'Ok, pain before the gain - are we willing to make a commitment'. One of the most common questions we've been receiving is 'How much Mike? I've already put my three-grand in - what are you looking for?' [But] we're very positive that it will be raised."

In this report: Mike Wake, Free Eyre, EP.

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