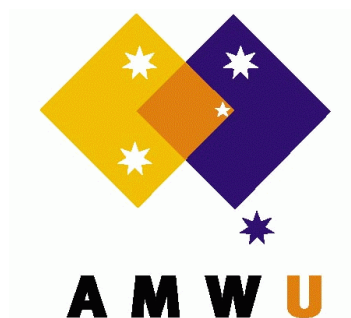


Inquiry into the *Sugar Industry (Real Choice in Marketing) Amendment Bill*  
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**AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURING WORKERS' UNION**



**Submission to the Agriculture and Environment Committee**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This submission is made on behalf of members of the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union ("AMWU"). The AMWU, as known on a collective and public basis, is made up of the Automotive, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland (the state registered Union) and the "Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Union" known as the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union (AMWU) (the federal registered Union).
- 1.2 The AMWU represents members working across major sectors of the Australian economy, including in the manufacturing sectors of vehicle building and parts supply, engineering, printing and paper products. Our members are engaged in maintenance services work across all industry sectors. We cover many employees throughout the resources sector, mining, aviation, aerospace and building and construction industries. We also cover members in the technical and supervisory occupations in engineering and across diverse industries including food technology and construction. The AMWU has members at all skills/classification from entry level to degree. The AMWU Queensland/NT Branch represents over 17,000 members, with the vast majority employed in Queensland.
- 1.3 The AMWU has a long and proud history of representing the industrial interests of workers in the Sugar Industry ("the Industry").
- 1.4 In addition to industrially representing the interests of workers in the Industry, the AMWU is a strong advocate for local manufacturing. A strong, viable and sustainable Sugar Industry ensures secure employment for tens of thousands of Queenslanders. Moreover the Sugar Industry is an important cornerstone of the Queensland economy, and the lifeblood of countless communities throughout the State.
- 1.5 The AMWU welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Agriculture and Environment Committee in respect of the *Sugar Industry (Real Choice in Marketing) Amendment Bill 2015* ("the Bill").

## **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The AMWU holds the following concerns in relation to the Bill:
- (a) An investigative process has not been undertaken with respect to the impact (or potential impact) the Bill would have on the Sugar Industry as a whole, its workforce, and the communities reliant upon the Industry; and
  - (b) Consultation with all stakeholders has not occurred.
- 2.2 On the basis of our concerns listed above, the AMWU is currently not in a position to make a comprehensive submission on the Bill.

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**3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 The AMWU does not believe that the Committee is currently in a position to make an informed decision on the Bill.
- 3.2 The AMWU accordingly urges the Committee to initiate a comprehensive investigative process to explore and identify the impact the Bill may have on the Sugar Industry, the Industry's workforce and the local communities reliant on the Industry.
- 3.3 The AMWU welcomes future opportunities to make representations to the Committee on behalf of our members in relation to ensuring the viability and sustainability of the Sugar Industry.

Submission End.