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Dear Committee Secretariat,

We thank you for the opportunity to have input into the establishment of an independent Queensland Productivity Commission. (the Commission)

Canegrowers Cairns Region Limited represents the cane growing areas of Cairns and its periphery including Babinda and Gordonvale, an area spanning from the Northern Beaches of Cairns to Garradunga and Daradgee in the South. Both the Russell and Mulgrave Catchments are predominant within the landscape. Canegrowers Cairns Region is a not-for-profit member-based Organisation dedicated to representing all its cane growing members across a large and varied number of issues. It is the vision of Canegrowers Cairns Region to ensure and secure a profitable future for Cane Growers in the area through representation, leadership, and services.

Environmental matters remain front and foremost in our region. To this we continue to lobby for more practical policies on fertiliser, agricultural chemicals, farming practices, water quality and vegetation management.

The cane industry has been and continues to be impacted by red tape, regulations, and legislation. This has been extremely frustrating to sugar producers in our region particularly when much of this is not replicated or supported by evidence based science.

Canegrowers Cairns Region on behalf of members would welcome the establishment of an independent review panel. Over the past decade we have seen advancements in the sciences. With productivity, profitability and environmental stewardship remaining front and foremost we see now as the ideal time to back things up with evidence based science overseen by an independent statutory body.

Representatives from our Organisation would welcome any opportunity to appear at any public hearing if required.

Kind regards



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