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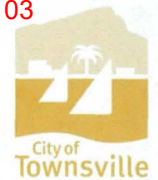
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Dear Mr Chair,

**RE: *Liquid Fuel Supply (Minimum Biobased Petrol Content) Amendment Bill 2022***

I write in support of the Member for Hinchinbrook's private member's bill, the *Liquid Fuel Supply (Minimum Biobased Petrol Content) Amendment Bill 2022* ('the Bill'). I commend Mr Dametto for the Bill and support its passage through the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The sugar industry makes a significant contribution to the North Queensland economy. In the Townsville City Council local government area alone, which is not home to the same magnitude of neither plantations nor mills as the Burdekin or Hinchinbrook Shires, the sugar industry still impacts our city's economy significantly. According to the Australian Sugar Milling Council, the sugar industry is worth \$166 million p.a. to the Townsville economy and employs 992 people.

Through the Queensland Government's recently-released energy plan, \$4 million has been set aside to fund feasibility and technical studies to expand bio-energy production in Queensland. It is my view that low-hanging fruit, such as strengthening the requirements regarding the contents and sale of ethanol-blended fuels such as E10 would go a long way in future-proofing the State's energy supply while also supporting cane producers through what can be a volatile market.

The Bill goes a long way in achieving that. Setting a minimum limit on what can be defined as E10 to be at least nine per cent ethanol content is about honesty with the consumer. Most customers in North Queensland who purchase E10 petrol do so in the belief that a portion of their fuel bill will go towards supporting canegrowers. Under current legislation, that is not always the case, and the minimum amount of bio-based content is only required to be four per cent.

Increasing the penalties for fuel distributors who mislead customers should also be markedly increased. I am pleased that the Bill doubles the penalty for non-compliance.

The State has a role to play in helping canegrowers diversify the markets to which they sell. This will help guarantee the industry's longevity and continue to support the families who rely on the sugar industry.

Again, I support the Bill and trust the committee will recommend its passage.

Yours sincerely,



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