

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1163**

**Asked on 6 September 2018**

**MR N DAMETTO** ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to feral pig management funding used by the Cassowary Coast Regional Council to combat the spread of Panama TR4 in the banana industry—

Will the Minister provide funding to the Hinchinbrook Shire Council to continue the feral pig management program to help protect the sugar cane industry from crop destruction?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for the question.

The Queensland Government currently provides funding to Hinchinbrook Shire Council for feral pig management through Round 2 of the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative (QFPI). The QFPI is providing a total of \$76,075 to Hinchinbrook Shire Council over a three year period from 2016 until 2019. The funding enables Hinchinbrook Shire Council to engage landholders in feral pig management, including feral pig surveillance, trapping, baiting and shooting programs.

Hinchinbrook Shire Council has previously received \$110,000 of funding in 2014 for feral pig management for the protection of turtles and their habitat through the Queensland and Australian Governments' Nest to Ocean program.

The general biosecurity obligation under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* requires landholders to actively manage invasive animals and plants on their land or land under their control. Local Governments are responsible for ensuring the management of invasive animals and plants in their local government area.