

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1178

asked on 3 December 2020

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**MR S ANDREWS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's pledge to reduce water costs by 15 percent and 50 percent for agriculture—

Will the Minister advise if the 15 percent and 50 percent concerning water cost will be across the board, for example, from allocation cost as well as actual pumped water?

ANSWER:

Over the next three years from 1 July 2021, the Palaszczuk Government has budgeted \$81.6 million to provide pricing relief for irrigators where the government sets prices for the supply of water by Sunwater and Seqwater. This includes funding to provide a 50 per cent reduction in prices for fruit and vegetable growers and 15 per cent for all other uses.

These discounts will apply to both the fixed and volumetric component of prices. This means that all irrigators will benefit from the discounts regardless of the volume of water used.