

The Manager/ Company Secretary
Kalamia Cane Growers Organisation Ltd
PO Box 597 Ayr Qld 4807

31st May 2018

Dear Les,

RE: Provision of Data to SRA

Thank you for the enquiry in response to the letter sent to all growers in the Burdekin by Wilmar which was passed on to me by Anthony Curro.

As background to your enquiry, Wilmar has been providing data to Sugar Research Australia Limited (SRA) under a Data Licence Agreement (DLA) between Wilmar and SRA since 2014. The DLA sets out strict terms and conditions on the use of the “data” and SRA takes particular care to ensure that those conditions are complied with and that all data is treated as confidential.

Under the current agreement, the data is used by SRA for the benefit of the industry. The type and level of data provided depends on the intended use. For example, rake level data is used:

- to update variety information sheets in particular CCS for harvest timing and suitability of varieties for soil types in QCANESelect;
- to assist Burdekin Productivity Services to collate and analyse data for the region with the aim of increasing productivity.

As such, this is not a new data request by SRA. The current DLA between Wilmar and SRA expires at the end of June 2018 and was permitted under a provision in the Cane Supply and Processing Agreements (CSPA) that allowed Wilmar to provide certain grower data to SRA. It is my understanding that there was an omission in the current document that inadvertently left this clause out. In addition to this, there have also been recent changes to the Privacy Act in relation to the use of certain data. It is for these reasons that Wilmar has sent the letter to all of its growers seeking their permission to release the data. The intention then going forward is, provided a grower has not withheld permission for the data to be provided to SRA, Wilmar will continue to provide the agreed data to SRA under the conditions of the DLA.

The terms and conditions of the DLA include that:

- Data is treated in a confidential manner so as not to reveal an individual grower performance;
- Data is only used for specific listed projects. Projects include for example:
 - Optimising productivity and variety recommendations through analysis of mill data;
 - Solving YCS;
 - Regional Variety Committee Meetings;

- QCANESelect®;
- Measuring soil health, setting benchmarks and driving practice change in the sugar industry.
- Projects are reviewed after each round of SRA funding is announced and changes are made to the approved list including the removal of completed projects;
- No third parties, for example CSIRO, JCU, or Government agencies can use the data in collaborative projects without prior written consent from Wilmar.

In terms of consultation with growers and grower groups around the information requirements in general, all of the parties involved have relied on the CSPA negotiation process and for the parties to relay that to their constituents. In relation to this request in particular, I have discussed this with Mr Paul Giordani of Wilmar and he has assured me that all of the relevant grower groups were contacted and provided with an explanation prior to the letters going out.

If you have any further questions in relation to this, please give me a call.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian McBean', written in a cursive style.

Ian McBean
Executive Manager – Regional Delivery

