

## Industry Communique regarding establishment of a Levy Payer Register for the Australian sugar industry

A recent Senate Inquiry identified that there is opportunity to improve the way Australia's Research and Development Corporations (RDCs) communicate with their respective industries. In the case of sugar, your RDC is Sugar Research Australia.

The Senate Inquiry recommended that one of the solutions for improving this engagement with SRA is to establish a levy-payer register for our industry, which would allow SRA to provide investors with important information on a range of issues. While many growers already receive information from SRA, there is also a proportion of growers who are not Members of SRA and therefore have limited opportunity for engagement.

To improve this situation for the whole industry, SRA has chosen to establish a new levy payer register.

As part of your respective milling company's existing obligations under the *Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Regulations (1991)*, your milling company is currently required to collect information from growers including name, address, contact details (i.e. phone number), ABN (if any) and ACN (if any). Under the new legislative amendments ([details here](#)) it is now compulsory for sugar mills to provide this information to SRA. This new law imposes the obligation on sugar millers to include this information on the Sugar Cane Monthly Return lodged with the Department of Agriculture. The information will only be used by SRA as per the legislation, and that is to engage with you on important issues relating to sugarcane research, development and adoption.

You can find out more about levy payer registers, along with frequently asked questions, [here](#).

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