



Standing with farmers on Reef Regulations

In my time living in regional Queensland and representing the state's largest sugar cane growing region one thing is for certain, our farmers know that the health of the land producing food for our nation, is the most valuable asset they have.

It's a key fact, that was at the fore today when debate commenced on a Bill relating to the Reef Regulations. While debate on the Bill will most not likely not conclude until either the March or April sittings of parliament, it is important that you know that the LNP introduced amendments to Labor's Reef Regulations.

What these amendments will mean is that farmers who participate in Best Management Practices (BMP) or similar accredited program, will be entirely exempt from Labor's draconian and excessive Reef Regulations.

It's a simple solution and most importantly, it's based on respect and recognition.

The respect the LNP have for you as primary producers, and the recognition that primary production is just as important as the Reef.

Unlike Labor's Reef Regulations, the LNP's amendments are recognition for the investment that farmers right across the state and particularly in the Burdekin, have already made off their own backs. Investments like farmers' efforts to recycle water, planting of alternate crops to lock nitrogen in the soil and leaving paddocks fallow.

The reality is you, as primary producers, have kept our state and our nation fed, during what has been a fearful and confusing time in history, we owe it to you to ensure that state legislation acknowledges you and your efforts as stewards of the land.

I have always backed our farmers and I will continue to do so going forward.

Thank you for your hard work.

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Here to help

If you or someone you know has an issue that you need help with, please remember my job is to represent you. I may not always be able to fix the problem... but rest assured I will always do my best.

If you need assistance, please email burdekin@parliament.qld.gov.au or call 1800 817 594.

How Dale Last can help you!



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Until next month, stay safe and well.

Dale.

