

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM QFF QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

Queensland Premier Steven Miles has responded to the grave concerns raised by the agriculture sector, regional community leaders and conservationists with last Friday's announcement of a permanent ban on carbon capture and storage activities in the Queensland component of the Great Artesian Basin. QFF thanks the Queensland Government for listening and for the leadership they have shown in responding to the concerns of Queensland farmers and communities. [Read more here.](#)

2.

Cotton Australia are confident the industry can further reduce chemical use and increase water efficiency following a recent independent review which audited the industry's environmental performance. [Read more here.](#)

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Farmers will no longer have to guarantee Pacific workers a minimum of 30 hours employment per week, after the federal government announced it would scrap the requirement. Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers CEO Rachel Chambers said the changes would make the PALM scheme more manageable for growers. [Listen here.](#)

4.

QFF is hosting two free farm business resilience workshops in June. The workshops taking place in [Goondiwindi](#) and [Texas](#), on June 19 and June 18 respectively will include guest speakers from Cotton Australia, Rural Aid, and more.

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Queensland's peak sugar industry representative body, Canegrowers, is calling on the State Government to give primary producers impacted by ex-Tropical Cyclone Jasper more time to apply for and conduct works under disaster recovery grants. [Read more here.](#)

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The National Farmers' Federation has joined Access for Every Child, a new alliance of more than 50 organisations who are calling on government to ensure regional, rural and remote children have access to early childhood education and care. [Read more here.](#)

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eastAUSmilk has shared their thoughts on the requirements for future biosecurity policy following the defeat of the proposed Biosecurity Protection Levy. [Read more here.](#)

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A recent article has explored opinions towards renewable energy projects in Southern Queensland, including Acciona's MacIntyre Wind Farm. [Read it here.](#) Acciona have partnered with QFF to support the delivery of the EnergySQ program which is helping farmers identify ways to reduce their energy spend. [Learn more and get involved here.](#)

9.

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) has launched a new campaign calling all sides of politics to back local communities. Through their local council and the LGAQ, communities are asking candidates to commit to a range of critical policy and funding asks, under 8 key themes. [Read more here.](#)

10.

QFF's AgTech Officer Placement Program is looking for interested agribusinesses in AgTech or agronomy-related industries to take on board an AgTech Officer for a 12-month work placement in the second half of 2024. [Learn more and express your interest here.](#)



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