

POSITION STATEMENT

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CANEGROWERS



Biofutures

OBJECTIVE

To ensure long-term investment and policy supporting the development of biofutures in Queensland.

POSITION

Demand for biofuels and bioproducts is booming globally and Queensland has the ability to be an international leader by partnering with the sugarcane industry.

As we account for 95% of Australia's 30 million tonne sugarcane crop, Queensland's cane growers are well-equipped to provide feedstock for the biofutures industry.

Growers must have the opportunity to benefit financially from the development of biofutures.

Further investment into Queensland's biofutures industry may:

- Increase rural development;
- Provide new markets for sugarcane growers and the agricultural sector;
- Improve fuel security;
- Reduce reliance on fossil fuels;
- Drive technology and innovation.

ISSUES

- The majority of sugarcane growers have limited ability to benefit from developments in biotechnologies that utilise cane as a feedstock.

ACTIONS

- Commit to increase the biofuel mandate to 10% to encourage further investment.
- Invest in biofuture R&D associated with sugarcane.

Ensure the longevity of the mandate by supporting opportunities for growers to benefit from biofutures development, such as funding a feasibility study ethanol plant suitability based off sugarcane feedstock. ■

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