



Support Industry Sustainability Programs

Queenslanders are among the world's most efficient and innovative producers of sugar. Industry-driven programs, such as Smartcane BMP, enable growers to care for the environment, and particularly the Great Barrier Reef, while improving productivity and profitability.

SMARTCANE BMP

Current situation

- Adoption of the Smartcane BMP among growers is high. 70% of Queensland's cane area is benchmarked to the core water quality modules.
- Smartcane BMP has been aligned to BONSUCRO, the international standard for sustainable sugar, supporting access to export markets.
- Funding support for Smartcane BMP expires at the end of 2017.

ACTIONS

- Commit \$7.2m in funding to Smartcane BMP over the next 4 years to assist industry to support the Great Barrier Reef water quality targets.
- Continue to work with industry to identify incentives for Smartcane BMP adoption. ■

WATER-ENERGY-PRODUCTIVITY NEXUS

Current situation

- Industry efficiency programs such as the Rural Water Use Efficiency and Energy Savers have shown that there is significant benefits from addressing the energy-water-productivity nexus.
- Funding for current programs expire in 2018, and the funding is currently confined to priority areas around the state.

ACTIONS

- Commit \$9.6m to a four-year program addressing the water use efficiency, power use efficiency and productivity nexus.
- Ensure on-farm incentives in future programs are extended to all irrigated sugarcane areas. ■

