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Milling Council supports disallowance of the Sugar Industry Regulation

The Australian Sugar Milling Council (ASMC) has said it is not surprised that there has been a move in the Senate to pursue a motion for disallowance of the ***Competition and Consumer (Industry Code—Sugar) Regulations 2017***.

The “Sugar Code of Conduct” was rushed through in April this year when One Nation Senators refused to support any Government legislation (including budget measures) unless the new regulation was put in place.

It was claimed at the time that the new regulation was urgent to fix a ‘dispute’ in the Queensland Sugar Industry.

ASMC’s Chief Executive Officer, Dominic Nolan, says that when the Code was introduced the two parties (QSL and Wilmar) had already announced agreement in principle over the future marketing arrangements for raw sugar.

“The new Federal Regulation was unnecessary when it was introduced, based on fixing a problem that didn’t exist, and it has resulted in an additional layer of complexity and red-tape,” Mr Nolan said.

“This is a Queensland issue that the Queensland parliament has dealt with, and there is no place for an additional layer of regulation federally to add further cost and confusion.

“There is no reason or justification for this federal law that was rushed in without any consultation or regulatory impact statement. The Australian Sugar Milling Council supports the disallowance motion.”

Mr Nolan concluded “We welcome Senator Leyonhjelm’s commitment to scrutinise parliamentary process and government intervention that negatively impacts business and investment”.

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