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Hanson comments add no value to sugar industry

The Australian Sugar Milling Council (ASMC) has welcomed the interest shown in the sugar industry in recent weeks by Senator Pauline Hanson.

However the ASMC's CEO Dominic Nolan says that their message to Senator Hanson is the same as the one it has given to all other politicians in the past two years – there is no value to be added by political interference in the commercial arrangements of the industry.

Dominic Nolan says that with a cyclone bearing down on a large part of the industry, the focus of the industry was where it should be at the moment, and that is ensuring properties are made as safe as possible ahead of the onset of the destructive winds and likely flooding that will occur in coming days.

“Senator Hanson’s call for an Industry Code of Practice during the past weekend is in no way helpful to any of the industry’s growing or milling stakeholders” said Mr Nolan.

“There is no current dispute in the industry. A Code is unnecessary. Statements that growers are not able to sign cane supply agreements or being held to ransom are not accurate.

“All stakeholders are starting to look forward to a period of getting on with business and the opportunity to re-establish the all-important regional relationships that have underpinned the sustainability of our industry for decades.

“We call on the Prime Minister and the Federal Government to resist any further calls for political intervention in the industry”, said Mr Nolan.

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