

THE BENEFITS FOR SUGAR COMMUNITIES OF MORE AFFORDABLE IRRIGATION WATER IN THE BURDEKIN-HAUGHTON WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

Supplying the Pioneer, Inkerman, Invicta, Kalamia Sugar Mills in the Burdekin Milling Region

Proposed Scenario

↓ 25% REDUCTION IN 2020/21 TO 2023/24 PRICES
to levels to sustain and grow the sugar industry

Year	QCA* proposed	25% reduction
2020/21	\$78/ML	\$59/ML
2021/22	\$81/ML	\$61/ML
2022/23	\$82/ML	\$62/ML
2023/24	\$84/ML	\$63/ML

*Queensland Competition Authority



MODELLED SUGAR INDUSTRY RESPONSE (2020-2024)



593,200 more cane tonnes grown



\$42 million in direct output (additional sugar, molasses and energy production)



MODELLED COMMUNITY BENEFITS (2020-2024)

↑ **\$62.5m** in additional indirect output along the supply chain (\$104.5m total)

↑ **\$19.7m** in additional incomes within the industry and along the supply chain

↑ **66 jobs** in the region

↑ **\$41.8 million** in additional value add (Gross State Product)



ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Improved sugar mill sustainability due to improved earnings and plant utilisation

Reduced risk of stranded water assets*

Improved environmental outcomes due to the more efficient use of applied nitrogen and herbicides

* Higher utilisation of water allocations lowers the socialisation of costs from non-users onto users, making water supply schemes more affordable and viable.

