

THE BENEFITS FOR SUGAR COMMUNITIES OF MORE AFFORDABLE IRRIGATION WATER IN THE LOWER MARY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

Supplying the Maryborough Sugar Mill in the South 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	\$46/ML	\$34/ML
2021/22	\$48/ML	\$36/ML
2022/23	\$49/ML	\$37/ML
2023/24	\$50/ML	\$37/ML

*Queensland Competition Authority



MODELLED COMMUNITY BENEFITS (2020-2024)

↑ **\$4.3m** in additional indirect output along the supply chain (\$7.3m total)

↑ **\$1.4m** in additional incomes within the industry and along the supply chain

↑ **5 jobs** in the region

↑ **\$2.9 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.



MODELLED SUGAR INDUSTRY RESPONSE (2020-2024)



44,416 more cane tonnes grown



\$2.9 million in direct output (additional sugar, molasses and energy production)

