

THE BENEFITS FOR SUGAR COMMUNITIES OF MORE AFFORDABLE IRRIGATION WATER IN SIX QUEENSLAND WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES¹

SUPPLYING 13 Queensland Sugar Mills²

A 25% reduction in 2020/21 to 2023/24 water prices to grow and sustain the sugar industry would deliver

\$220 million total direct and indirect additional output



MODELLED SUGAR INDUSTRY RESPONSE



1.3 million more cane tonnes grown



\$88.3 million more sugar, molasses and energy production (direct output)



MODELLED COMMUNITY BENEFITS



↑ **\$131.9m** indirect supply chain output



↑ **\$41.7m** incomes within industry/supply chain



↑ **140 jobs** in the state



↑ **\$87.9 million** 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.

1 Mareeba-Dimbulah, Burdekin-Haughton, Bundaberg, Lower Mary, Pioneer River and Eton Water Supply Schemes

2 Tableland, Pioneer, Inkerman, Invicta, Kalamia, Millaquin, Bingera, Isis, Maryborough, Plane Creek, Racecourse, Marian and Farleigh sugar mills.

https://asmc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/FINAL-ASMC_Irrigation-Prices-Report.pdf