



Media Statement

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Federal election - sugar industry secures bipartisan commitment to advance key issues

The Australian Sugar Milling Council (ASMC) has secured a bipartisan commitment to advance key priorities with the next Federal Government to boost regional Queensland jobs and economic growth.

The ASMC looks forward to working with the next Australian Government to secure greater overseas market access for Australian sugar, boost generation of renewable energy and production of sustainable biofuels from our mills, and reset regulation and policy to encourage investment and capital spending in sugar manufacturing," Mrs Sheard said.

"Sugar is Queensland's original manufacturing industry. It remains the economic foundation for communities and businesses across regional Queensland. It is one of Queensland's most important agricultural export industries, second only to beef."

"We are confident, whoever forms Government after the election on Saturday, recognises the importance of the sugar industry and its commitment to jobs, to regional development, to exports, to renewable energy and emission reduction targets."

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Background

ASMC is the peak body representing the interests of raw sugar manufacturers and marketers. ASMC represents five sugar manufacturing companies which collectively produce 90 percent of Australia's raw sugar at their 16 sugar mills in Queensland.