



Mossman Mill closure not to be taken for granted

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The Australian Sugar Milling Council has expressed both sadness and disappointment on behalf of its members at the announcement that the Companies involved with the operation of the Mossman Mill are being transitioned into liquidation.

The CEO of the Milling Council, Ash Salardini said the announcement on Friday last week was a sad day for employees, growers, associated enterprises and the local community.

“Sugar mills are a significant contributor to the employment and economic well-being of regional communities, and I understand how this news will hit the Mossman community hard,” said Mr Salardini.

“The reality is that without the sugar milling sector, we don’t have a sugar industry, and Queensland loses its second largest agricultural export.”

“There are so many opportunities in the sugar industry, whether its expanding into new markets on the international trade front, or the exploitation of new opportunities in biomaterials, sustainable aviation fuel and renewable energy. However, this development with the Mossman Mill is a reality check, the sector’s concerns cannot be taken for granted.”

“We need to continue to work with the Queensland and Federal government to make sure the broader regulatory and policy environment helps not hinders the viability of our sector, and provides the opportunity for us to invest in new diversified economic opportunities,” concluded Mr Salardini.

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About the Australian Sugar Milling Council: *The Australian Sugar Milling Council is the peak industry body for the Australian sugar milling sector - contributing \$4 billion annually to the Australian economy and supporting more than 20,000 jobs. Our mission is to be the influential voice for positive change in the Australian sugar industry through leadership, advocating for the implementation of sensible public policy, and engendering productive government and industry collaboration. The ASMC works with its members, industry stakeholders, other industry representatives and government to develop and promote policies that enhance the sustainability, viability and economic contribution of the sugar industry in Australia.*