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Sent: Friday, 26 July 2024 11:40 PM
To: LCLF Consultation
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Consultation Paper "A Future Made in Australia: Unlocking Australia's low carbon liquid fuel opportunity" - Request to be involved.

Dear Secretariat,

I write on behalf of Queensland Cane Agriculture and Renewables Limited (QCAR) and Australian Cane Farmers Association Limited (ACFA).

The Cane industry collective of QCAR and ACFA ("The Collective") wishes to register its interest in being a participant in the Government's review focussing on "unlocking Australia's low carbon liquid fuel opportunity" and other consultation papers. Awareness of the opportunity to provide a submission to the above consultation paper and other related papers together with our relatively recent engagement with two renewable energy companies, has come too late for the Collective to provide a meaningful submission.

However, our proposed increased engagement with these companies, in the foreseeable future, the level of influence the Collective has in the sugarcane industry and the opportunity it presents in the sugarcane industry, forms the basis for our request to be involved in this consultation process. This is particularly so, if future hearings and further consultations are to be held with key stakeholder groups.

In support of our request we draw to the Department's attention that our collective member organisations represent approximately 20% of the sugarcane farmers and 15% of the total sugarcane production, in Australia.

The sugar cane industry's contribution to the Australian economy is well documented and communicated by Sugar Research Australia Limited. (Annual-Report-2022-23_Digital-F.pdf (sugarresearch.com.au)).

Australian sugar cane production is expected to grow at 2.3% and opportunity growth estimated at \$3.6 billion over the next 5 years. (<https://www.ibisworld.com/au/industry/sugar-manufacturing/109/#IndustryStatisticsAndTrends>) Our Queensland producers provide high-quality food and fibre to Australian and overseas communities, as well as deliver stewardship of the state's natural environment.

It has been brought to our attention that sugarcane represents a highly attractive feedstock for the production of ethanol and other bio-energy products such as SAF, because of the low Carbon Intensity Score attributed to that source. QCAR has also become aware of the use of various incentive programs overseas including: Private sector funding; low-interest loans and grants from benevolent foundations focused on innovation and energy aspirations; government grant funding; and taxation incentives, to establish sustainable SAF facilities in the USA.

The Collective has some preliminary comments already identified and we expect to be in a more informed position in coming weeks. For this reason, we ask that should further consultation be undertaken, through consultations with smaller groups, hearings and workshops, that the Collective would welcome the opportunity to be involved in those consultations.

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