



**The Hon David Littleproud MP**  
**Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia**  
**Deputy Leader of the Nationals**  
**Federal Member for Maranoa**

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Mr Ricky Mio  
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Via email: KernM@agforceqld.org.au

Dear Mr Mio

I am writing about the government response to the 2018 review of the Competition and Consumer (Industry Code – Sugar) Regulations 2017 – the Sugar Code.

I am happy to inform you that I have reviewed the Australian Government response and the government has withdrawn its previous support for recommendation 2 of the 2018 Review, and its support in-principle for recommendation 4 of the 2018 Review. The code will therefore not be amended or reviewed at this time.

The government is acting on cane growers' concerns that amendments were unnecessary. Removing the requirement for a further review will allow the code to remain in force unchanged. This will allow both cane growers and sugar millers to maintain their focus on growth, innovation and investment.

I look forward to continuing working with all Australian sugar industry representative bodies to address shared future challenges.

I would also like to thank AgForce Cane for its constructive engagement with the Post-Implementation Review of the Sugar Code and advise that this review will soon be finalised.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

**DAVID LITTLEPROUD MP**