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1. CANEGROWERS Herbert River represents some 95% of the sugar cane supply to the Victoria and Macknade sugar mills operated by Sucrogen in the Herbert River District which comes from some 580 cane farming businesses.
2. Every cane farm is an electricity consumer whilst some 10% of all farms in the Herbert have installed electrically powered irrigation systems which play an important role in making up the cane supply in the seasonally variable conditions that are experienced in the Herbert which is on the transition between the wet and the dry tropics.
3. CANEGROWERS Herbert River finds the draft recommendation deeply concerning to all of our members but especially to those with greatest exposure – being the electrically powered irrigators.
4. Being price takers in an international market the draft determination is a significant blow to farming cost structure which must maintain its international competitiveness in the long term.
5. CANEGROWERS Herbert River wishes to record its strong support for the submissions being made by CANEGROWERS as the peak industry body for cane growers.

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