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## **Sugar code of conduct supports Flynn industry**

- **The government has released response to review of the Sugar Code of Conduct.**
- **The code will be retained to provide certainty for the sugar industry.**
- **The review included 60 written submissions, in addition to face-to-face meetings.**

The Sugar Code of Conduct will be extended a further four years to provide certainty for the Flynn sugar industry.

Member for Flynn, Ken O'Dowd said that the Coalition Government understood how important the code was for Flynn cane growers.

"The Sugar Code of Conduct will stay in place to give certainty to our growers, millers and marketers," Mr O'Dowd said.

"Now the sugar industry can get on with what it do best: grow, harvest and export its sweet product around the world."

Minister Littleproud said the government held public consultations across key sugar growing regions in Queensland and Northern NSW.

Minister Littleproud said he brought forward the review, which was due to commence in October 2018, to July this year following the industry's requests for certainty.

"This now provides certainty," Mr Littleproud said.

"Public consultations were held in Gordonvale, Innisfail, Ingham, Ayr, Mackay, Bundaberg and Broadwater and with key stakeholders to make sure a range of views were heard.

"I acknowledge the sugar industry's recent efforts in improving cooperation. I look forward to industry continuing to work together on the recommendation to develop a strategy to address the shared future challenges facing the industry."

"The sugar industry is a major contributor to the economies of rural and regional communities along the Queensland coast," Mr O'Dowd said.

"The industry generates more than \$2 billion for our nation's economy, making our industry the third largest sugar export industry in the world."

For more information visit: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/crops/sugar>

**Fast Facts:**

- **The code will also be amended to make clear that pre-contractual arbitration applies to raw sugar only and not to any other product obtained from sugar cane.**
- **The recommendation to remove the provision that allows growers to choose their marketer was not supported.**
- **The government has committed to a further review of the code in four years' time.**