Permit to Light Fire – When to Call Firecom

Item 6 in the Permit to Light Fire states that “the permit holder must notify Firecom on 1800044576 immediately prior to lighting the fire.” There has been some confusion over the need to do this in the Burdekin and it would be fair to say that not a lot of permit holders call Firecom and never have. Please note that the fire warden who issues the permit has the authority to cross this section out in which case it would no longer apply.

We have held several discussions with QFES regarding this requirement to call Firecom. Their responses have ranged from;

“We know that the Burdekin is different and there is no need to call Firecom for a cane fire. Firecom is not set up to receive up to 100 phone calls each day from Burdekin cane farmers.” to,

“If it is a requirement of the permit to ring Firecom, you must ring Firecom in order to comply with the conditions of the permit.”

We sought further clarification from QFES who advised the following on 30/7/20:

The Department have had numerous discussions regarding this matter. The outcome is that they are not going to change the permit wording itself.

They will educate fire wardens on what they can and cannot cross out in the permit. They could not advise a timeline as to when these discussions with fire wardens would be held.

If item 6 is not crossed out to ring Firecom, then the permit holder must ring Firecom.

If the permit holder rings Firecom and there is no answer and they leave a message, then the message itself will be sufficient notice.

If the permit holder does not ring Firecom and the fire got away and they were found to have not complied with the conditions of the permit, the Department cannot guarantee that the permit holder would be covered under the Liability exemption under Section 74 (refer extract below) of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990. Section 74 has never been tested and no legal precedent has been set to date.

On the basis of this recent discussion with QFES, where you are burning under a permit and the fire warden has not crossed out item 6, you need to ring Firecom before lighting the fire. This may cause some challenges as Firecom are currently not set up to take all of the calls, but it is technically the right thing to do to comply. We anticipate that as a result the increased level of activity in calls to Firecom, it may result in QFES having a closer look at how the position should be managed in the Burdekin. We have called Firecom and let them know to expect an increase in call volumes going forward. When you call Firecom on 1800044576 you will need to provide them with the following information:

- Permit number.
- Expiry date of permit.
- What you are burning, i.e. cane, tops and trash etc.
- Location of fire, i.e. road address or closest road.
- Details of contactable person on site.
Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990

Extract

73 Liability of person for fire lit by agent or employee

(1) Notwithstanding the Criminal Code, sections 7 and 23 where any person commits an offence against this division in respect of the lighting of a fire as an agent or employee, the principal or employer of that person is taken to have committed the offence and may be prosecuted and punished for the offence unless it is proved that the agent or employee was acting contrary to instructions and that the principal or employer could not have prevented the commission of the offence by exercising reasonable supervision.

(2) Subsection (1) applies without prejudicing any liability imposed under this division upon the person by whom an offence is actually committed.

74 Liability for damage caused by certain fires

(1) A person who lights a fire—

(a) authorised to be lit by notification given under section 63 or by a permit granted under section 65; or

(b) in order to comply with a notification or notice given under section 69;

and who, in lighting the fire, complies with any condition or direction contained in the notification, notice or permit and does not contravene any provision of this Act does not incur any liability at common law for any loss, injury or damage caused by the fire unless it is shown that the person acted recklessly or maliciously caused the loss, injury or damage.

(2) Subsection (1) applies only in respect of a fire lit for the purpose of or likely to have the effect of burning off vegetation.

Wilmar Update on Start Dates

We contacted Wilmar today who provided the following updates on start dates after the recent wet weather stoppage:

- Invicta: recommenced at midnight on 30/7/20.
- Inkerman: Monday 3/8/20. 4.00am start.
- Pioneer: To be advised.

Apparently, more rain has been forecast for next weekend, so it will be good to get back into it and get as much cane off as possible. Hopefully the forecast will be wrong!

Reef policy failings outlined at Senate hearing

Key failings in the way governments have approached policy to assist the Great Barrier Reef have been exposed by the sugarcane growers’ organisation CANEGROWERS at a Senate inquiry in Brisbane.

Grower representatives from eight CANEGROWERS district organisations along with state CANEGROWERS Chairman Paul Schembri have appeared before the committee over the past two days, leaving their farms during the busy harvest season.

“The depth of feeling about this issue among growers is so great that, even with limited flights and the fact that this is the busiest time of year, they felt they had to attend when the committee decided to only take submissions in Brisbane,” CANEGROWERS CEO Dan Galligan said.

“We wanted the Committee members to know that growers are committed to efforts to understand and, where necessary, better manage the interactions between farming and water quality in the catchment,” Mr Galligan said. “But the Queensland Government’s escalation last year of its regulation on farming in reef catchment areas has exposed significant deficiencies in the way governments develop policies.”

CANEGROWERS has made four key recommendations in its submission to the Senate inquiry:

⇒ Remove the regulatory burden on growers and adopt long-term support for on-farm innovation;
⇒ Restore growers’ confidence in policy through a review of the way the science used to justify it is managed and scrutinised;
⇒ Ensure water quality targets are credible and realistic; and
⇒ Develop trustworthy methods for evaluating improvements in farm practices and water quality.

CANEGROWERS believes addressing all of these issues will rebuild the confidence of the community, and growers, in the design and implementation of measures to address impacts on the Reef.

“Fundamental to our concern is that the cane industry has been regulated for 10 years and there is no evidence that this heavy-handed approach is driving any meaningful change in the industry,” CANEGROWERS Innisfail Chairman Joe Marano said. “What has been driving change is our best management practice program, Smartcane BMP, and other projects which have focused on and worked with growers.

In addressing the science used by government to justify the regulations, CANEGROWERS is advocating for a review and overhaul of way that research on Great Barrier Reef water quality is funded, managed, scrutinised and used to develop policy.

“We want a more open and robust process around the research, free of political interference,” CANEGROWERS Burdekin Chairman Phil Marano said. “Growers have shown a willingness over past decades to engage in environmental and sustainability programs where the approach is open cooperation and collaboration – and these are achieving results.”
Crushing stats

**2020 estimate 8,040,000 tonnes**

**Burdekin Tonnes Cut Per Week**

- **Inkerman** 58,447 69,541 85,218 83,851 76,302 43,931
- **Kalamia** 14,373 60,243 68,246 72,155 81,887 75,010 27,652
- **Pioneer** 44,184 79,915 69,809 77,150 82,448 35,109
- **Invicta** 50,292 69,938 152,212 150,339 157,274 167,584 83,125

**Tonnes**

- 64,665 232,812 369,914 377,520 400,332 401,344 189,817

**Burdekin CCS Per Week**

- **2019** 12.82 13.21 13.51 13.94 13.94 13.39 14.02

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Farmers welcome water price cut promise

An early election commitment from the Liberal National Party to cut the cost of irrigation water for farmers by 20% has been welcomed by Queensland’s largest sugarcane growers’ organisation, CANEGROWERS.

“With more than 65% of our $2.5 billion sugarcane crop in Queensland reliant on irrigation, water and electricity costs are huge issues for profitability in our industry,” CANEGROWERS CEO Dan Galligan said. “Prohibitive costs mean growers are often forced to irrigate less than would be ideal and that has negative consequences for crop productivity.

“A water price reduction of 20% would have an immediate and positive impact on our ability to deliver an economic boost to regional economies through increased cane production and grower profitability.

“Making water more affordable for farmers will see benefits flowing throughout regional communities.”

CANEGROWERS will examine the LNP price cut commitment and its plan to alter the underlying fundamentals of the water pricing system, including the long-term implications of its proposed shift to a regulated asset base (RAB) based approach, to see what it means in real dollar terms for each of the sugarcane regions.

“This early announcement of an important election policy is welcome because it gives farmers time to consider it in detail,” Mr Galligan said.

“We welcome too a commitment from the LNP that dam safety upgrade costs would not be passed on to water users as part of the price they pay.

“Like bridges, roads and other public infrastructure in the southeast, well maintained irrigation infrastructure along with sustainably lower and affordable water prices are essential to the economic growth and development of agriculture in regional areas.

“The flow-on effects from irrigated agriculture to the rest of the economy can be substantial.

“For every $1 invested by CANEGROWERS members in growing sugarcane, a further $6.40 is generated in economic activity in Queensland – good reason to make sure that the fundamentals are right to encourage and secure that initial investment.”

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### Weekly production figures

#### Burdekin region mills

**Week 7, ending 25 July 2020**

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#### Comments:

Crushing was brought to a halt at all four Burdekin mills last week due to a significant rainfall event.

Rainfall totals of 20-30mm were recorded across the district, with falls of more than 80mm reported in the Kalamia and Pioneer areas.

Total throughput of just under 190,000 tonnes was achieved for the week. The four mills have now processed more than two million tonnes in total.

The highest CCS sample was 16.9 from a rake of Q240 plant cane in the Pioneer area.

Good communication between logistics staff and the harvesting sector leading up to the rainfall event resulted in minimal burnt cane being left in the paddock.

**John Tait**
Cane Supply Manager
Burdekin Region
The cost of Reef Regulations

A new analysis reveals the State Government risks an economic hit to Queensland of $1.3 billion over ten years with its misguided push to cut nitrogen applications on sugarcane crops by up to 30% below industry best practice levels.

“We are doing all we can to reduce the risk to Great Barrier Reef water quality from runoff from our farms, including adopting a scientifically-based industry program, SIX EASY STEPS (6ES), to analyse soil and crop needs and determine optimal fertiliser rates for productivity,” CANEGROWERS Chairman and Mackay cane grower Paul Schembri said.

“We are alarmed by the zealous campaign within government agencies and programs to drive nitrogen use below these guidelines without recognising the huge economic risk to growers and the regional economies that rely on them.

“This is happening without any direct evidence that dissolved nitrogen from farms is having any effect on corals in inshore areas which see catchment flows.”

CANEGROWERS has used a large dataset derived from field trials of crop fertiliser responses to assess what would happen at different rates of nitrogen application. The economic impact was then analysed.

“The impact of a 30% reduction on the 6ES nitrogen rate was significant and dire for cane farms,” Mr Schembri said.

“The ramped-up reef regulations implemented last year are based on an intent to push growers to this level.

“These regulations are based on the lie that such a cut would not hurt the industry – our analysis shows this is clearly false.

“These 2019 reef regulations must be repealed.”

The CANEGROWERS analysis showed a 30% reduction in nitrogen use would lead to:

- A drop in crop production of 5 - 7.5 tonnes of sugarcane per hectare per year
- An annual loss of 2.3 million tonnes of sugarcane across the Queensland industry
- A loss of $110 million in earnings per year for cane growers and sugar millers
- Processing capacity equivalent to two sugar mills becoming redundant

The results of the study are published in the report Nitrogen Management in the Queensland Sugarcane Industry – The economic risks of policies that prescribe nitrogen rates below industry guidelines which assessed the economic impact across the Queensland economy.

“It is time to put the brakes on this regulatory juggernaut and the false assumptions on which it is based,” Mr Schembri said. “This same misguided approach is behind reef targets, programs and report cards that are rolled out by both the Queensland and Federal governments. No wonder growers get frustrated!

“This anti-industry dogma is posing a real risk to the livelihoods of the thousands of people who work in the sugarcane industry and to the Queensland state economy. “The industry cannot survive if this unfounded push to reduce nitrogen use below optimal levels continues.

“Even driving catchment water quality back to pre-development levels, with everyone going broke in the process, would have a limited impact on the Great Barrier Reef as a whole because inshore areas account for 5% or less of the coral reef area.”

The sugarcane industry will continue to do its bit for water quality through testing and adopting cost-effective ways of improving the efficiency of fertiliser use.

“As sugarcane growers we have been cooperating with and involved in Reef water quality efforts for 20 years,” Mr Schembri said.

“CANEGROWERS is now leading on-farm trials of new fertiliser formulations that could further reduce losses and through our Smartcane BMP (best management practice) program, growers are showing they have improved their methods and timing of fertiliser application.

“The importance of nitrogen in water for coral on the Reef has been greatly exaggerated by governments.

“Scientists tell us that the main stressors on the Reef are climate change and extreme weather events - this is where governments need to be focussing their attention.

“Our industry is being sacrificed for political expediency, to make it look like action is being taken to improve the prospects for the Reef’s future.”
Information on Shirtan
At the request of the holder (Nufarm), in accordance with section 42(1) of the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994 (Agvet Code), the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has cancelled the approvals and/or registrations for Shirtan Liquid Fungicide from 16 June 2020. This means that growers are able to purchase and use Shirtan for another twelve (12) months until 15 June 2021.

After this time it will be an offence to possess or use the product. As the importation of Shirtan has also been banned there is a limit to the amount of product available for purchase over the next twelve (12) months.

It is anticipated Nufarm will be offering a stewardship program for the return of excess product, however this is not yet confirmed. Otherwise, growers can contact ChemClear via their website www.chemclear.org.au or by calling them on 1800 008 182. In fact any unwanted chemicals on the farm can be disposed of by contacting ChemClear. There are alternative registered products available in the market control pineapple disease such as Sinker, Tilt/Bumper/Throttle/Tyrant (same active ingredient), Bayfidan, and Sportac. Please follow the instruction in the label for application rate and method. Please contact your local Productivity Officer or SRA Adoption Officer for further information.

QSL Grower Representative Members announced
The 2020 QSL Grower Representative Member election process is now complete, with the following growers appointed in the Burdekin region for the new three-year term:

⇒ Roger Piva  
⇒ Russell Jordan  
⇒ Denis Pozzebon  
⇒ Dean Sgroi

Scholarship opportunities for growers
There are many scholarships opportunities available to growers current opportunities closing soon include:

Australian Rural Leadership Program - Closes 16 August
The Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP) is a dynamic experiential learning program focused on the development of leadership for individuals and collectives who are contributing to the future prosperity of rural and regional Australia. Click here for more information.

Farmers2Founders Ideas Program - Closes 21 August
The Farmers2Founders Ideas Program is designed for primary producers with fresh ideas. Over 12 weeks, the program provides funding, coaching, and more to support producers to work out if your business idea is worth pursuing. Click here for more information.

2021 Nuffield Scholarship - Closes 11 September
Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarships is a unique program that awards primary producers with a life-changing scholarship to travel overseas and study an agricultural topic of choice. Click here for more information.
CANEGROWERS Member Benefits

As a member of CANEGROWERS you have access to a 6% discount on health insurance with Queensland Country Health Fund.

Join or switch today to experience the Queensland Country difference!

Switching from another health fund?

If you’re already a Member of another health fund and decide to switch, we’ll apply all waiting periods already served when you transfer to us. The only waiting periods that will apply when you transfer to us is when Queensland Country cover offers a higher level of benefits than your previous cover. But don’t worry – while you serve these, we’ll still offer you the same level of benefits as you had under your previous cover.

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Don’t forget to refer a friend, family member or work mate to Queensland Country and if they take out an eligible singles policy during the promotional period, you’ll receive a $100 Visa Gift Card*. We’ll double it for couples or family policies!

Make sure you tell your friend when joining to provide us with your name and contact details, so we can send you your gift card.

There is no gift card limit, so tell as many friends as you like!!

Qantas Club Membership

Qantas offers CANEGROWERS members access to their corporate rate for Qantas Club Membership. Through CANEGROWERS corporate membership – individually managed scheme, discounted rates apply to new memberships or renewal of your existing Qantas Club membership. By quoting the CANEGROWERS scheme number, based on current rates, you may save $97 on a one year subscription, or $176 on a two year subscription.

Contact the office on 4790 3600 for the scheme number.

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* Offer valid until 31 October 2020. The referring person must be an existing Queensland Country Health Fund policy holder. Available to new Silver and Bronze Hospital policies only. Available with corporate discount offers, but not in conjunction with any other offer. Terms and Conditions apply.
CANEGROWERS Queensland ... taking up the fight on all issues affecting cane farmers

CANEGROWERS Report - The economic risks of policies that prescribe nitrogen rates below industry guidelines
✓ The report highlights the huge economic impacts for industry and regions if the intent of the reef regulations was fully realised. It will also be used at the senate inquiry hearings to illustrate the risks of poor policy development by government.
✓ The assumptions used to formulate these regulations also inform the Paddock to Reef program, the water quality report cards, and the design of reef incentive programs.

Regulatory obligations for chemical use
✓ The regulations for the Chemical Usage Control Act were updated as of 1 July 2020. It appears this has added some additional requirements for record keeping (e.g. cloud cover) and the Smartcane BMP team is checking for any other changes especially in relation to ametryn, atrazine, diuron and hexazinone. CANEGROWERS will receive a briefing on these changes from DAF this week.
✓ There have also been some recent changes to the label requirements for some products which have not been well communicated to resellers or growers. CANEGROWERS is approaching the APVMA to explore more effective ways of communicating significant changes in product labels.

Trade
✓ Briefed the ASA Board on trade policy and market access issues, including progress on the development of an industry trade strategy, the India WTO dispute, separate FTA negotiations with the EU and UK, and the separate reviews of the FTA’s Australia has with Japan and China.
✓ With ASMC, prepared a joint industry submission to the review of the China FTA.
✓ Briefed the Australian High Commission in London on sugar price determination processes in Australia, debunking messages put forward in a British Sugar commissioned study that claimed ethanol supports and single desk marketing structures subsidise Australian sugar and cane prices.

Executive
✓ The CANEGROWERS Policy Council meeting took place via video conference. For the first time, the Council met by uniting 5 hubs located in Cairns, Townsville, Bundaberg, Mackay and Brisbane. At each hub growers from the region gathered to discuss and form industry policy and strategy. In addition to updates from each of the Policy Council Committees, much of the meeting focused on strategy around membership engagement, environment and preparations for the State election campaign.
✓ The second Australian Sugar Alliance (ASA) Board meeting of the year was held last week. The ASA is a forum that involves CANEGROWERS (QLD and regions), the Australian Cane Farmers Association (ACFA), Australian Sugar Milling Council, QSL and Sugar Research Australia (SRA). The Alliance discussed progress on Social License to operate projects, trade policy and strategy and the work on establishing a new strategic plan for SRA.
✓ The QLD CANEGROWERS Board met to discuss campaigns on reef management and preparations for the senate inquiry into the evidence base for reef regulations.
2020 Season Advances Schedule
As at 30 June 2020

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Confirmed

Advantage Rates are based on a grower’s individual estimated final sugar price.
For more information growers can access Wilmar’s monthly Pool Reports, Allocation Account Amount Reports, their applicable Advance Finance Charge via the reporting page of the Pricing and Payments section of the GrowerWeb. The cashflow forecast tool is also available in the Pricing & Payments section.

Wilmar Indicative Future Sugar Prices
as at 31 July 2020

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Calculation using ICE Closing Prices or equivalent Bank Swap Rates and prevailing AUD/USD exchange rates
Refer to https://www.wilmarsugarmills.com.au for additional Pricing Information and trends

Estimated Wilmar 2020 Pool Prices
As at 30 June 2020

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Gross Pool Prices are an estimate based on the tonnes hedged and current market price (as at the last business day of the month) for unhedged tonnage. Allocation Account Amounts begin the season as estimates and are reviewed and updated on a monthly basis as actual premiums and costs are known.

1. Wilmar has contributed economic interest sugar from its farms to this pool, to provide additional tonnage. Wilmar economic interest sugar in this pool will receive the same price as growers. The pool is priced on a 1:2:2:1 basis.

2. As of the 30th of June, Wilmar does not currently have a component which is required to be sold or priced in order to manage storage constraints in the sugar terminals. The Gross Pool Price is currently a marked-to-market price for the March 2021 and May 2021 ICE #11 futures positions, which is consistent with the current expected sales program.

The monthly pool price report is available on the Wilmar grower web.

QSL Indicative ICE 11 prices
31-Jul-20

The figures quoted above are indicative of available ICE 11 prices as at the current date and reflect the weighted average AUD/mt price. The prices have been adjusted to include Over-the-Counter (OTC) margin fees charged by banking institutions and, therefore, may differ from daily prices quoted by the ICE #11 Exchange and/or other Marketers of Growers’ Economic Interest in Sugar (GEI Sugar). Values also do not account for any adjustments resulting from local grower-miller pricing arrangements. For more information, view the latest QSL Market Snapshot here.

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Growers can monitor QSL pool performance via the Price Pool Matrices published on the QSL website (www.qsl.com.au). This information is updated regularly and provides a sense of how the QSL-managed pools are performing over the current season.
1. QFF has partnered with home-grown Australian businesses to provide additional value and support for the 14,000 primary producers the peak agricultural body represents. Read more and access special offers and discounts on practical farm services HERE.

2. Agriculture is one of the most dangerous sectors to work in due to the combination of hazards, including plant, chemicals, noise, dust, sun exposure, working with animals as well as the fact many in the industry work alone or in remote locations. Read QFF’s Queensland Country Life column HERE.

3. “Women aspire to undertake more business activities and hold more positions of leadership within the agriculture sector and in their communities.” Read more from QFF CEO Dr Georgina Davis regarding a recent joint report with Griffith University on farm businesswomen from InQueensland HERE.

4. The latest QFF Energy Savers e-newsletter is now available! Stay up-to-date with the latest news including the team’s recent energy webinars, funding opportunities for efficiency projects and comparing tariff costs with Energy Made Easy. Check it out HERE.

5. Having lived in the city for his entire life, Steven Wei never thought that one day he would work in the Australian agriculture industry with people from all over the world to help protect the Great Barrier Reef. Read more about his experience with the Agriculture Extension Work Placement Program HERE.

6. QFF, Cotton Australia, Reaqua Solar Pumping and Constructive Energy invite you to a webinar on 19 August exploring the opportunities of microgrids in agriculture. We want to increase knowledge on the types of microgrids, how they may work, opportunities for agriculture. Register HERE.

7. A recent Queensland Court of Appeal decision has illustrated the need for effective forward-planning to save farming families time and costs later. Read more from QFF corporate partner Holding Redlich HERE.

8. “Sport in the rural areas is so important to communities; it brings the farming community together with the town community.” Read more Cotton Australia grower Stewart Denston about why sport is a key connector in cotton communities HERE.

9. Farmsafe Australia has released their inaugural Safer Farms 2020 Agricultural Injury and Fatality Trend Report as part of National Farm Safety Week. The report highlights injury and fatality trends over the last 18 months and provides a 10-year comparison of the statistics. Read more HERE.

10. Stay secure online this tax time! Be sure to remain vigilant, take precautions, address security, and uphold your privacy by assessing your online practices. For more information on how to protect your personal information from the ATO, click HERE.

Smartcane BMP self-assessment workshops

The self-assessment is the first step towards BMP accreditation. Growers who have completed the self-assessment and would like to continue on to accreditation should also contact Terry or Jasmine.

Terry Granshaw - 0437 553 149
Jasmine Connolly - 0438 934 601

IrrigWeb workshops

Workshops will cover: setting up a farm and paddocks; determining the irrigation point; and entering irrigation information.

You will need an internet capable laptop or tablet. Phones are suitable for recording irrigation events but their screens are too small for the initial setup. If you don’t have a laptop or tablet please let us know so we can organise one.

Please RSVP to Marian Davis - 0428 927 079.
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