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Committee Secretary
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
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By email: fadt.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Sir,

Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CP-TPP)

CANEGROWERS supports the proposed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CP-TPP) tabled in Parliament on 28 March 2018.

With 100% of the value of Australian sugar cane directly linked to the value of Australian raw sugar exports, CANEGROWERS actively works to improve conditions for raw sugar exports. Taken together, CP-TPP member countries import approximately one-third of Australia's raw sugar exports, valued at more than \$510 million annually. The CP-TPP is a significant agreement and the inclusion of sugar an achievement valued by Australian sugarcane growers and the wider sugar industry.

As outlined in the submission made by the Australian Sugar Industry Alliance, the CP-TPP is an important step in securing improved market access opportunities for Australian sugar in Japan, Canada, Mexico, Vietnam and Malaysia.

CANEGROWERS welcomes the agreement and encourages the Committee to recommend its expeditious adoption to Parliament.

Yours sincerely

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