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Dear Mr Entsch

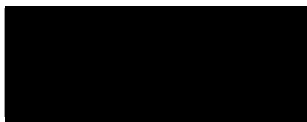
Parliamentary Inquiry into the Development of Northern Australia

The Australian Sugar Milling Council (ASMC) is the peak industry organisation for raw sugar milling in Australia. The ASMC represents some 95 per cent of Australian raw sugar production.

The ASMC considers the sugar industry to have great potential for contributing to the development of northern Australia. The industry has a long history of production in rural areas of Australia, and contributes to the social and economic wealth of many regional centres in Queensland and northern New South Wales. There is also significant potential for expansion of existing technologies, such as electricity and ethanol, and for a range of other biofuels and bioproducts derived from sugarcane.

Please find attached the ASMC submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Development of Northern Australia. We look forward to working with you and your Committee as this Inquiry proceeds.

Yours sincerely



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