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# Queensland Invasive Plants and Animals Strategy 2025–2030

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## Our members

- Canegrowers
- Cotton Australia
- Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers
- Nursery & Garden Industry Queensland
- eastAUSmilk
- Australian Cane Farmers Association
- Queensland United Egg Producers
- Turf Queensland
- Queensland Chicken Meat Council
- Pork Queensland
- Bundaberg Regional Irrigators Group
- Burdekin River Irrigation Area
- Central Downs Irrigators Ltd
- Fairburn Irrigation Network
- Mallowa Irrigation
- Pioneer Valley Water Co-operative Ltd
- Theodore Water Pty Ltd
- Eton Irrigation
- Queensland Oyster Growers Association
- Lockyer Water Users Forum

# About the Queensland Farmers' Federation



## The Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) is the united voice of agriculture in Queensland.

We are a member-based organisation representing the interests of peak agriculture industry organisations (both state and national). Through our members, QFF represents more than 13,000 primary producers across the cotton, sugarcane, horticulture, dairy, nursery and garden, and intensive animal industries.

We unite the sector to engage in a broad range of economic, social, environmental, and regional issues through advocacy, policy development, and project activity. We work with the government of the day on behalf of industry, farmers, and the community to provide powerful representation and contribution to the policy direction, sustainability, and future growth of Queensland's agriculture sector.

Our Council of member representatives and policy committees set the strategic priorities for policy development and advocacy, while our Board ensures our corporate governance.

QFF draws on the expertise and industry knowledge of our members, and through our commitment to collaboration and considered policy development, we lead Queensland's agriculture sector towards a strong future, ensuring our members are ahead of the game and have a voice at the table on the issues that matter to their members.

## Submission

QFF welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the Queensland Invasive Plants and Animals Strategy 2025-2030.

We provide this submission without prejudice to any additional submission from our members or individual farmers.

QFF has previously inputted comments to the strategy in a stakeholder review in October 2023.

The Strategy is a sound approach to tackling the very serious problems of invasive plants and animals. It has very significant economic impacts for agriculture. A high level strategy is important to ensure that everyone is moving toward the same vision in the same broad way – however, unless connected to operational plans and clear responsibilities and objectives, and performance measures, it quickly loses its impact and effectiveness.

It is critical that priorities are established accurately, and that monitoring includes measuring key criteria for progress against the invasive species. With a large number of invasive pests and limited resources, it can be overwhelming as to what to tackle first. A clear system to prioritise and measure progress would go some way to mitigating the impact of these species. Broad performance measures with clear targets (e.g. reduce feral pig numbers by 25%), so that there is a good acceptance as to whether the strategies are working would really enhance the Strategy.

Theme 3.2 mentions that statewide strategic plans for individual species will be developed but this should include all the highest priority species. Coordinated approaches are needed so that if one species is eradicated or controlled in one council area, it is not undermined by an adjoining council

not prioritising the same species. The linkage between state and local councils needs to be reflected in the operational plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Strategy.

Yours sincerely

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