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Subject: Fw: Banana Industry Policy Proposals

Hi Jim,

Thank you for sending through the policy priorities for the upcoming election.

As you would be aware Shane and the KAP have been huge supporters of the banana industry in the past and will continue to do so.

Depending upon the election result the KAP may find themselves in a position where they hold the balance of power and your list of priorities will be certainly high on the to do list.

Regardless, Shane has shown he is able to get significant results working with whoever is in government and will continue to work to deliver funding and legislative changes to assist the industry.

Please note the following:

Panama TR4

1. As you may be aware Shane has worked constantly to secure funding to combat TR4 and ensure bio security controls are in place to limit the spread of the disease. As such Shane supports ABGC request for the current cap on front-line DAF staff to be lifted and will work with whoever is in government to ensure this occurs.
2. Shane assisted in securing the initial funding for feral pig control and has also lobbied for additional funding for an aerial program to control numbers in state and national parks. Shane will support ABGC request for \$150,000 per year to control feral pigs from spreading TR4 from June 2021.
3. Shane will support ABGC request for a commitment from government to support an industry led TR4 Program beyond June 2023.
4. Shane will support ABGC request for plan industries to be covered for trespass under the Biosecurity Regulation.

Great Barrier Reef Quality

Shane has been outspoken and consistently voted against any additional legislation involving implementation of additional regulatory burdens on the agricultural industry in Queensland.

1. Shane will lobby and vote against any plans by the Queensland Government to create additional regulation on the development of land that does not have a history of cropping. Shane will also seek to repeal legislation implemented during this

parliamentary term which is harmful and damaging to the agricultural industry in the region.

2. Shane will support continued investment in a place-based water quality project, such as the Wet tropics MIP, to build on the excellent environmental outcomes achieved over the last three years.
3. Shane will support and lobby for further investment in FNQ to assist farmers to attract and maintain workers. This includes subsidised accommodation and transport, a marketing campaign, plus funding for the construction of a permanent worker accommodation facility.

Kind regards

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