

A review of the “25-year blueprint for Queensland’s primary industries”

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Following a thorough review of the Primary Industries Prosper 2025 Consultation Draft - the first step into the Crisafulli’s Government Fresh Start for primary industries in Queensland, the following observations have been identified throughout the report. Although the Consultation Draft provides an ambitious goal for the future of primary industries for our State, it is unclear how these goals will be achieved within projected deadlines when presented with a higher increase of natural disasters impacting our shores. As it stands,

Queensland alone has endured five natural disasters this year so far including floods, storms and cyclones resulting in a devastating impact to our agriculture, livestock and human lives

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The report lacks detailed actions to protect biodiverse ecosystem in the Great Barrier Reef. In other words, long term vs short term protection and conservation of Barrier Reef and its ecosystem. What measures have been put in place to mitigate or reduce the risk of further harm to the reef caused by rising temperatures associated to climate change? Moreover, while reef stewardship programs play a vital role towards environmental initiatives, minimal recognition of their importance was detected in the report.



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The visualisations throughout the document are eye catching and enticing to read. That being said, although a few figures and pie charts are illustrated in the report, I would have liked to see greater statistical analysis and graphs measuring the economic and social impact of these disasters on various sectors and demographics around our State. Furthermore, despite getting some of the general public to participate in sharing their opinion for this draft via online survey and meetings throughout regional areas, perhaps more awareness through other channels would have covered a larger population demographic to include more participants/audience in the mix. With that in mind, who is this report intended to? Farmers? General public? Businesses? Government?



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As this is an environmental paper, the document is lacking the citing of common conservational words such as emissions, climate change, sustainability etc when searching for key words. Furthermore, how are Queensland's mineral royalties addressed within this draft?

Additionally, how are the current geopolitical tensions, rapid shifts in trade policies and increasing natural disasters impacting agricultural exports and future plans for a self-sustainable Queensland in terms of food, renewable energy or fuel dependencies in the near future?



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Similarly, as productivity remains stubbornly high across various sectors of our economy, what is the projected plan to a slower capital deepening and decline in employee engagement levels to maintain the levels of output sustainable? Lastly, how are companies complying with their regulatory obligations in reducing emissions sustainably? or could carbon tariffs be a viable short-term solution for the level of pollution generated? As green technologies seems like a longer-term solution.



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In short, the projected plan presents significant environmental benefits to both current and future generations however, the report information provided to the general public is vague and lacks an economic plan. Although the draft identifies key challenges and opportunities across various sectors, successful execution will require effective collaboration with key stakeholders, clear timelines and quantifiable outcomes. Nonetheless, with continual improvement and genuine commitment, the blueprint has the potential to pave the way for a prosperous and sustainable future for Queensland's primary industries.



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