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Committee Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
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Dear Committee Secretary

Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement

The Australian Sugar Industry Alliance (ASA) supports the proposed Free Trade Agreement between Australia and Peru (Peru-FTA).


A fast-growing economy with a sizeable population of 31.5 million, the Peru-FTA offers a new opportunity for Australia's raw sugar exports.

The Peru-FTA adds to the list of trade agreements Australia has successfully concluded which contain new market access opportunities for sugar.


On entry-into-force of the agreement, Australia will have duty free access of 30,000 tonnes of sugar into Peru, growing to 60,000 tonnes in five years and 90,000 tonnes in 18 years. This is more than any other sugar exporting country has achieved in the last twenty years.

While the new market access opportunities for sugar may be modest, the Peru-FTA provides strategic trade policy outcomes. Sugar's inclusion in the deal sends a clear message that sensitive commodities, such as sugar, which have been excluded from some past Australian trade agreements can and should be included in all trade agreements.

Yours faithfully



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