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Committee Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
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By email: jsct@aph.gov.au

Dear Sir,

Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement

CANEGROWERS supports the Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement tabled in Parliament.

In the agreement, Peru has agreed to market access for Australian raw sugar under terms it had not granted to any other country.

The inclusion of sugar in the deal sends a clear message that sensitive commodities, which have been excluded from some past Australian trade agreements, can and should be included.

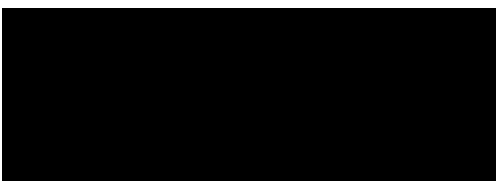
Eighty per cent of the raw sugar produced from our cane is exported so every market door that is opened is welcome as it increases the demand for Australian sugar.

The new access for Australian raw sugar to Peru is 30,000 tonnes per year from the first year of the agreement increasing to 60,000 tonnes in year six and 90,000 tonnes in year 18.

While the initial amounts of raw sugar Peru may purchase under the agreement are small compared to our annual production of more than 4.5 million tonnes, the FTA will enable Australian exporters to establish and grow commercial relationships with refiners in Peru which has one of Latin America's fastest growing economies.

CANEGROWERS welcomes the agreement and encourages the Committee to recommend its expeditious adoption to Parliament.

Yours sincerely



Dan Galligan
Chief Executive Officer