

# *Application for EPF*

## (Exploration Permit for Food)

(Note: This is a satirical article and not sent to Govt)

Dear Qld Govt

Please accept this as an application for an Exploration Permit for Food (EPF) in the South Burnett Region.

We understand that you have already received an application for an EPM from Qld Bauxite, and so we wish this to be considered as a competing application.

A consortium of 1600 experienced farmers proposes to farm the area from Murgon to Kumbia. They have collectively proven their expertise repetitively over 130 years in farming conditions identical to those of the South Burnett.

They calculate that they can continuously and sustainably farm the region using the world's best practice, and in one year produce:

Pigs:	1,000,000 pigs for export	\$100,000,000
Cattle:	10,000 head for domestic and export trade beef	\$100,000,000
Peanuts:	10,000 tonnes	\$100,000,000
Navy Beans	10,000 tonnes	\$100,000,00
Corn	10,000 tonnes	\$10,000,00
Wheat	10,000 tonnes	\$10,000,00
Wine	10,000 tonnes	\$10,000,00
Barley	10,000 tonnes	\$10,000,00
Cotton	10,000 tonnes	\$10,000,00
Milk	10,000 tonnes	\$10,000,00
Lucerne Hay	10,000 tonnes	\$10,000,00
Sorgum	10,000 tonnes	\$10,000,00

**Total:** **\$ lots of money**

The ability of this proposal to stimulate and maintain the local economy is realised when it is considered that modelling of local rural economies of this type suggest that each \$1 generated by industry is spent 7 times before it leaves the local economy. This compares with only 3.5 times for mining and energy industries that use mainly fly in fly out operations, and even then only for a limited amount of time.

Unlike the competing application from Qld Bauxite, this application proposes to:

- Provide 12,000 local direct and indirect jobs
- These jobs will last for ever as this is a sustainable industry proposal (as opposed to the once off mining proposal, which will revert to near zero jobs after mining is finished)

- Form and support local communities by having a local workforce, (as opposed to the fly in fly out model of the mining industry). Farming industries are famous for their ability to form mutually supportive communities.
- Service the farm sector with multiple associated industries (machinery, engineering, farm supplies etc)
- Support the need for better hospital, schools, roads, essential services etc
- Support the development of an amenable community by living and working locally.
- Produce high calibre people who will serve their country and community in countless productive and cultural ways (professionals, innovators, international sportsmen and women etc)
- Help Australia and the world service its future food needs and provide food security
- Generate export income for the nation
- Provide an even distribution of local wealth (as opposed to the “two tiered economy openly proposed by Qld Bauxite)
- No gimmicks such as offers of a holiday, the chance to get rich, unrealistic promises to improve farms beyond their potential,
- All farmers have working capital, machinery, experience and commitment to sustainable farming
- This industry will support the tourist and visitor industries by providing a rural landscape in theme with the natural beauty of the local area, and being in proximity to metropolitan areas, become a viable alternative getaway for urban people.

Thank you for accepting this application.

Please advise if we have not addressed all the criteria espoused by our rival applicant, Qld Bauxite.

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