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**Media Release – Last calls for KAP to show respect for farmers**

Member for Burdekin Dale Last has called on the KAP to stop playing politics with the future of hardworking farmers and graziers who were being used as pawns at a time when they needed a fair go.

Mr Last said since the introduction of Labor’s draconian and excessive Reef Regulations, farmers had been treated like environmental vandals but amendments to the Reef Regulations introduced today by the LNP would not only stop that, it would recognise the important investment farmers had already made.

“What these amendments will mean is that farmers who participate in Best Management Practices (BMP) or similar accredited program, will be entirely exempt from Labor’s draconian and excessive Reef Regulations,” Mr Last said.

“Unlike Labor’s Reef Regulations, the LNP’s amendments are recognition for the investment that farmers right across the state and particularly in the Burdekin, have already made off their own backs,” Mr Last said. “Investments like farmers’ efforts to recycle water, planting of alternate crops to lock nitrogen in the soil and leaving paddocks fallow.”

Mr Last said while the KAP had hit social media with false claims that they were ‘chasing support from the northern LNP members for our KAP bill to turn around flooded (sic) Reef Regs’, the LNP had been speaking directly with farmers about what would best help them.

“Given that the Burdekin electorate is home to the largest sugar producing region and is based in North Queensland, you would think I would be included as one of the so-called Northern LNP members but it seems not,” Mr Last said.

“I’d say that the Member for Traeger was a little distracted during his recent flight because I can tell you I have definitely not been “chased” by the Member for Traeger or the Member for Hinchinbrook this week, or at any other time.”

“These amendments put forward by the LNP will make a real difference and most of all they are built on a profound respect to those men and women on the land. Given that, I would think the biggest demonstration of respect for our farmers would be for the KAP to support these amendments, because anything short of that would just be a game of politics.”

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