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Mackay Sugar progresses cane transport action plan

Mackay Sugar met with industry and government representatives earlier this week, to review actions identified for implementation as part of its commitment to address community concerns associated with the transportation of Tablelands cane to Mossman Mill.

The planning session, held at Mossman Mill on Monday (17 February) was a follow-on from Mackay Sugar's November Community Planning Workshop, whereby participants identified the key community concerns and workshoped potential solutions.

Thirteen people, representing Qube Logistics (Mossman Mill's transport supplier), Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland Police, Douglas and Mareeba shire councils and Mackay Sugar discussed the various initiatives developed from the outcomes of the November Community Planning Workshop.

Mackay Sugar Communications Manager Lorelei van Dalen said the session was effective in finalising the actions required to mitigate community concerns surrounding the transportation of cane via Mareeba, Mt Molloy, Julatten and the Rex Range.

"Mackay Sugar and Qube Logistics have listened to the community and have invested a lot of time and money into the development of initiatives that will ensure our cane transport operations are conducted in a safe and responsible manner.

"The support received from our industry and government representatives has also aided us in delivering against community expectations.

"We will now take these initiatives to our March Community Planning Workshop, to gain feedback from our community representatives, and will aim to deliver our Cane Transport Community Action Plan to the Mt Molloy and Julatten community, via a Community Information Session, in April," Ms van Dalen said.

From early May, Tablelands cane will be transported via trucks to Cassowary Ramps (just south of Mossman) and then via train to Mossman Mill.

Mossman Mill is expected to crush approximately 1.3 million tonnes of cane this coming season, with about 700,000 tonnes of Tablelands cane to be delivered to the mill during the crush and an estimated 600,000 tonnes of cane supplied from the region's coastal farms.

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