

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

QFF has serious concerns the state government is unfairly picking winners within the agriculture sector by further restricting the number of farmers who can access an election commitment to provide a 50 per cent price reduction for horticulture irrigation water users. Read QFF's media release [HERE](#) and listen to QFF CEO Dr Georgina Davis on the [Queensland Country Hour](#) at 5:12 [HERE](#).

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QFF and Australia's newest natural resource management group, [SQ Landscapes](#) are set to embark on an historic partnership aimed at driving healthy, sustainable landscapes in the Murray Darling Basin. Read the joint media release [HERE](#).

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Many farmers steward their lands and operate their businesses to the highest standard, in order to leave them for future generations in a better condition than when they acquired them. Read QFF's [Queensland Country Life](#) column [HERE](#).

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QFF CEO Dr Georgina Davis recently spoke to [InQueensland](#) about the challenges the agriculture sector is facing in 2021, naming climate as the most significant. Read the article [HERE](#).

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QFF has partnered with [National Salary Packaging](#) to give farmers access to salary sacrificing options enabling them to pay for some everyday items and living expenses with their pre-tax salary. Sign up and book a complimentary 15-minute review [HERE](#).

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The scarcity of seasonal workers continues to impact growers as crop losses climbed to over \$45 million this week. The labour shortage is a result of federal and state government decisions to restrict the movement of people through the Australian border in order to manage the human health impacts of COVID-19. More from QFF industry member [Growcom](#) [HERE](#).

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Urban heat islands form in cities where heat accumulates, due in part to the loss of urban greening and replacement with hard, constructed surfaces that absorb and retain heat. QFF industry member [Turf Queensland](#) has the answer, with living turf found to actively cool the areas around it. Read more [HERE](#).

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With locusts starting to move across Queensland and New South Wales, the [Australian Plague Locust Commission](#) and its partners, including local and regional councils are urging landholders to monitor properties for locust numbers and report any signs of breeding and egg laying [HERE](#).

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Applications for the North Queensland Telecommunications and Energy Improvement Grants are now open. These co-contribution grants support projects that trial and adapt new technologies to improve access to reliable and cost-effective telecommunications connectivity or energy supply. Details [HERE](#).

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Join QFF, [NRM Regions Queensland](#) and the Queensland Government for a carbon farming webinar series beginning this month. Learn about government opportunities and requirements, relevant resources and hear from a carbon farmer. For more information and to register your interest, click [HERE](#).



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