



RDC Inquiry
Productivity Commission
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Landscape Queensland Industries Association Inc. (LQI) is the peak body for the landscaping industry in Queensland. The landscape industry is at the hub of the \$4.9 billion Lifestyle Horticulture industry in QLD which also includes nursery, turf, irrigation, arboriculture and flowers.

LQI would like to communicate its support for the continuation of funding approvals for beneficial projects from state based organizations. The association believes that distinctive local and regional requirements demand the direct funding to “on the ground” state based organizations who understand local conditions and have the ability to build and maintain relationships and engage industry involvement and facilitate industry communication and education where required.

LQI does not believe that projects managed by national bodies on behalf of state or local organizations provides for optimum use of RDC’s funds. Funding dispersed to state associations through their national body runs the risk of attracting additional management and administration fees thereby reducing the effectiveness to this funding.

The landscape industry is well positioned on the horticulture supply and demand chain as an end user and driver of horticulture production enabling an active role to be taken in various R & D and communication type projects.

Landscape Queensland has a positive history of quality outcomes for projects funded through RDC’s and looks forward to the continuation of these partnerships.

Regards

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