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Ross
Dear Mr Farlow,

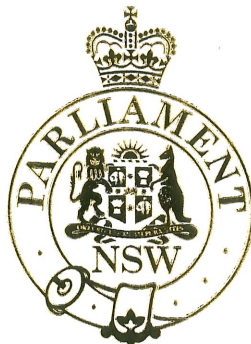
I am writing to sincerely thank you for the contribution that you have made to our community.

I have taken the opportunity to officially recognise the achievements of your work, speaking in the house of the NSW Parliament Legislative Assembly.

Please find enclosed the transcript as it officially stands on the Parliamentary record. I hope this gesture greets you well.

Warm regards,

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Community Recognition Statement
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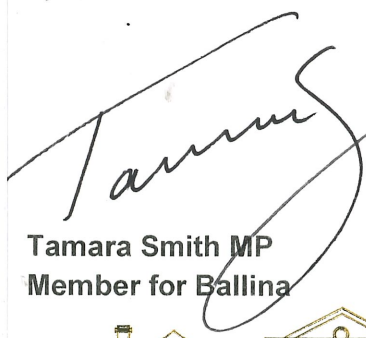
NSW CANE GROWERS

Ms TAMARA SMITH (Ballina)— Today I congratulate the NSW Cane growers particularly the Richmond River Cane Growers, Lower Richmond River Cane Harvesting Co-operative and Clarence Cane Growers Association on the successful commencement of the Northern Rivers drainage and reset program.

The canegrowers have been advocating for years for more streamlined processes that would assist clearing the hundreds of drains that are impacting the health of the Richmond River and our farmers.

The 2022 floods caused the canegrowers untold trauma with a lot of their properties and farms being overrun by debris exacerbating their ongoing challenge with the unblocked drains. I commend the cane growers for their persistence, patience, and constant engagement with all public offices to ensure that they receive the support they need.

I particularly want to recognise Ross Farlow, Chairman NSW Canegrowers Association, Patrick O'Connor and Michael O'Connor of the Lower Richmond River Cane Harvesting Co-operative for their tireless efforts in initiating this program.


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