



Input on CSG

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Dear Sir

I would like to draw your attention to the following Industries in the Northern Rivers that rely on access to clean water, healthy soil and clean air and their impact on the economy of this region of NSW.

Tourism - directly employing nearly 8000** people. - \$1.3 billion* each year (This data is derived from *the International and National Visitor Surveys commissioned by Tourism Australia ** the 2009 Data Update to the Regional Industry & Economic Plan.)

Sugar Care farming (which has a certified sustainable status) contributes over 1000 jobs and \$230 million to our overall economy EACH YEAR or at least \$4.6 billion over the next 20 years.

Other Prime agricultural industries:

(The following data has been sourced from Northern Rivers Food, an Industry body that looks at the region's entire food chain.)

The region's food industry made up an estimated \$715.4 million of the region's Gross Regional Product from 2005-06 to 2009 -10. While I don't have employment figures or \$ values for each of these industries, these figures are important indicators of their economic value to the NR as we produce:

- ✓ almost 20% of Australia's soybeans
- ✓ 3% of Australian market poultry i.e. eggs & meat
- ✓ 25% of NSW production of milk
- ✓ 11.5% of NSW's beef
- ✓ 15% of meat from other livestock
- ✓ Nearly all of NSW's sweet potatoes, peas and ginger
- ✓ Significant amounts of beans, chillies, garlic and herbs

Norco Coop Ltd., a dairy processing and agricultural supplies company, employs 600 people; its milk and cream production takes place in the NR. They produced 147 million litres of milk & 36 million litres of ice cream in 2009 – 2010. Their major customers include: Fonterra, National Foods, as well as Coles, Sara Lee, Aldi, Woolworths and export customers.

The majority of macadamia nuts, blueberries and guavas produced in Australia are sourced from the NR.

In total, in 2009 – 10 agriculture, forestry and fishing contributed \$362.2 million to the Northern Rivers economy and employed an estimated 7,865 jobs or nearly 9% of the region's population.

The Macadamia Industry in the NR at a glance as at 2011

The macadamia industry is one of the major horticulture contributors to the Northern Rivers' economy. The following figures have been calculated using data collected through the On Farm Economic Analysis HAL project MC03023 on behalf of the Australian Macadamia Society.

Trees Planted	2,279,00
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Total area under canopy	8,420 hectares
Number of growers	Approx. 500
Number of processors	5
Tonnage	17,143 nut-in-shell (2011)
Farm gate value	\$53 million from 2011 tonnage @ \$3.10
Factory gate value	\$106 million
Economic value to the Northern Rivers	\$159 million

Water is life!
Yours truly,
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