

# BUY

# Queensland in action

Skybury embody the *Buy Queensland* approach. They grow quality produce and local jobs in Mareeba, North Queensland.

Established in 1987, Skybury is Australia's oldest commercial coffee plantation. They grow, roast and package 40 tons of coffee annually and operate an on-site café. Skybury is also the largest producer of red papaya in Australia producing 6.5 million kilograms annually.

Skybury coffee and papaya are served at the Cairns Convention Centre. The company is proud to be listed on the Queensland Government's Food and Beverage Supplier Directory.

General Manager of Skybury, Candy McLaughlin, is an innovative farmer, an industry and community leader. She was nominated for the FNQ Growers 2019 Charlie Nastasi Horticultural Farmer of the Year Award.

"It's about trying to excite and inspire people about what we produce in this country and ensuring long-term stability for our company which ensures the long-term security for our staff," Candy said.

By listening to her staff, Candy has helped the family business grow to employ 100 people, many of whom take advantage of flexible working conditions. The company is also creating jobs that support science-based and smarter farming.

"By having a lab on our property, we allow people with a high skillset to stay in a rural environment," Candy said.

Candy loves living and working in rural Mareeba and she wants other locals to have that opportunity.

"The more businesses we can get up and running in this area, the more job prospects for the community," Candy said.



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*Buy Queensland* approach ensures that when we spend government money, we are:

- ✓ supporting Queensland jobs
- ✓ engaging ethical businesses
- ✓ ensuring better outcomes.



**\$17 billion**

approximately invested with more than **32,500** Queensland businesses engaged to supply to the Queensland Government

Reported figures: for period 1 October 2017 to 30 June 2019

Note: Corporate Card data (1 October 2017 to 30 June 2019) and One School data (1 October 2017 to 30 June 2019) is not included in the above procurement spend data

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