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## **CQ dairy farmers get Govt contract boost**

Twenty dairy farmers in Central Queensland will benefit from the Queensland Government's latest contract to supply dairy products to Queensland Health.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said the contract to supply Metro Hospital and Health Services was awarded to Pauls.

"This is great news for the 20-odd dairy farms in Central Queensland which supply milk to Pauls.

"It highlights the Palaszczuk Government's absolute support for Queensland producers."

Ms Lauga said Central Queensland dairy farmers would have missed out on providing milk as part of this Government contract if Maleny Dairies was awarded the tender.

"Maleny Dairies does not source milk from any CQ dairy farmers. They only source milk from Sunshine Coast dairies which means regional Queensland dairies miss out."

"About 20 CQ dairy farmers will be able to supply milk to Metro North HHS because they supply to Pauls," she said.

Ms Lauga said the contract was for milk, custard and yoghurt, and was awarded to Pauls which has proudly called Queensland home since the 1930s.

She said Pauls supplies milk from 141 Queensland farms, which represents 45% of the total Queensland dairy farms, including 20 Central Queensland farms.

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"All of Pauls' Queensland farms are family-owned and operated."

Ms Lauga said Pauls was also the only tenderer able to supply the full range of full and low-fat products required including milk, custard and yoghurt, to meet the dietary standards and varied requirements of patients at the MHHS.

"What would the LNP opposition have us do – take work and jobs away from Central Queensland dairy farmers and give it to the south-east?"

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