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Member for Hill Shane Knuth, who introduced the sugar marketing Bill and secured passage in Parliament for the Sugar Industry (Real Choice in Marketing) Amendment Act 2015, said more needed to be done by the state and federal government to support the industry.

He said the sugar industry expands from Port Douglas to the Sunshine Coast and demands more support to adapt into cogeneration.

“Cogeneration allows for the left-over crushed cane to be turned into renewable energy that goes straight back into the grid and powers homes in the region,” Mr Knuth said.

“It will strengthen cane supply agreements; help provide security to the industry and the flow on effects will go back into the community.”

Mr Knuth pointed out that the sugar industry played a huge part in the economy of the Hill electorate and surrounding regions.

“To help support the industry, the governments need to get behind cogeneration projects that are passionately pursued by mills and cane farmers who have invested their own finances,” he said.

Mr Knuth raised the issue in parliament recently.

“Despite the fact that the state and federal government are pretending to support green power they have done nothing whatsoever to support the sugar cane industry in setting up cogeneration,” he said.

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