



#SaveSIPP Campaign Key Messages

- Queensland kids will be the biggest losers from the Palaszczuk Government's short-sighted decision to cut this program.
- This is a unique, hands-on program that works across Queensland to connect school students of all ages with agriculture and show them the important role it plays in their lives.
- Cutting funding to this program will mean Queensland kids will become even more disconnected from where their food comes from and how it is produced.
- The program has provided the first opportunity for many children to touch sheep, cattle and chickens, to learn that cotton is from a plant, to pull vegetables from a garden and climb over tractors.
- Axing this program will mean fewer kids pursuing a career in ag at a time when the industry is already facing critical skills shortages and technology is transforming the way we farm.
- It will mean the end of dedicated industry tours that give students direct contact with primary producers and potential employers.
- For our hard-working ag teachers who already have a difficult job, it means less professional development opportunities and less support from industry.
- The School to Industry Partnership Program has been running successfully since 2004. It was first funded by the Beattie Labor Government and had been funded by every State Government since.
- The program has widespread support across agriculture, and from schools, teachers and students.
- We're calling on the Palaszczuk Government to reverse this cut so this vital program can continue beyond the end of the year.