

ADVOCACY

AGRICULTURE

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES)



SHARED VISION

Quilpie Shire and the Queensland Government share a vision for a resilient, productive and future-focused primary industries sector that strengthens Queensland's food and fibre security while supporting the long-term prosperity of regional communities. Together, we are committed to reinforcing the State's biosecurity frontline through the reinstatement of dedicated biosecurity officers in regions and to expanding critical infrastructure such as exclusion fencing to revitalise traditional wool production, accelerate growth in emerging livestock industries and protect the integrity of Queensland's supply chains. This shared vision positions Quilpie as a key partner in delivering a stronger, more sustainable and more competitive primary industries sector for Queensland.

BACKGROUND

Quilpie Shire has a long-established history in primary production, with pastoral activity beginning in the 1860s and evolving into a major sheep and cattle hub supported by a growing goat industry that is contributing to greater sector diversification. The Shire now hosts several transport companies servicing both local producers and the wider Channel Country, enabling the movement of high-quality livestock and organic products across Queensland.

In 2023/24, the total value of agricultural output reached \$125.76 million, supporting 118 full-time equivalent jobs. While wool production has declined in recent decades, co-contribution funding of \$2.7 million since 2018 has facilitated the construction of 1,070 kilometres of exclusion fencing, helping to revitalise the wool industry and support emerging sectors such as goat production, which aligns with processing operations in South West Queensland.

Council is also progressing strategic infrastructure initiatives, including the proposed sealing of the Adavale–Blackall Road to establish a western freight route that will strengthen agricultural and biosecurity supply chains, improve transport efficiency for livestock and wool producers, enhance access to key saleyards such as Blackall, and support broader industry concepts like the Blackall Wool Scour.

In addition, Council is preparing to release expressions of interest in March 2026 for the development of a Quilpie Intermodal Transport Precinct, which will enhance existing freight and livestock transport operations and position the Shire as a key logistics hub for Queensland and interstate supply chains.

DELIVERING THE VISION

- 1) Quilpie Shire Council seeks the Queensland Government to reinstate a frontline biosecurity staff in Quilpie to strengthen biosecurity response in the Channel Country.
- 2) Quilpie Shire Council seeks capital funding to support traditional primary industries that have been a key pillar in our State's enduring economic prosperity to expand critical infrastructure like exclusion fencing.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

Quilpie Shire Council is committed to partnering closely with the Queensland Government to help deliver the State's goals for a stronger, more resilient and future-focused primary industries sector. By drawing on its established role as a major livestock and transport hub, Quilpie is well positioned to support the Government's priorities by enabling the reinstatement of frontline biosecurity capability in the Channel Country, advancing exclusion fencing and land-management infrastructure to boost the productivity of traditional industries, and progressing strategic freight initiatives such as the Adavale–Blackall Road upgrade and the Quilpie Intermodal Transport Precinct to enhance supply chain efficiency and market access. Through this partnership approach, Quilpie Shire stands ready to apply its local capability, regional insight and practical delivery capacity to help advance regional prosperity, strengthen industry sustainability and drive long-term economic growth across Queensland.