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## Media Release

### Funds need to directly support strawberry growers

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LNP Deputy Leader Tim Mander said he was glad the Palaszczuk government supported the LNP's calls for a strawberry farmer assistance package but was concerned not enough is going directly to farmers.

"The LNP welcomes the government's \$1 million assistance package, but it's disappointing that money isn't going directly to strawberry growers," Mr Mander said.

"Queensland has around 100 growers and people's livelihoods are at stake, as well as the local jobs these farms support.

"This is a glorified advertising campaign from Annastacia Palaszczuk and Labor and won't assist farmers struck with cash flow issues.

"The sabotage of strawberries hit the industry hard and fast but Annastacia Palaszczuk's response has been slow and won't directly support growers.

"The losses sustained by these farmers will be in the millions and Labor's response, while a good start, has missed the mark.

"Farmers are telling us what they really need is direct financial assistance from the government to ensure they can bounce back for next season.

"The LNP has been calling for an assistance package that directly assisted strawberry growers with cash-flow issues since this saga began.

"We have an industry to protect and we need to catch these mongrels responsible so they can be held accountable for their crimes."

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