

**HD** Slowing **dairy** flow

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Injection for **dairy** industry

HOPE Dairies is determined to stem the flow of **dairy** cattle being **sold** into the southern states.

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The announcement Gina Rinehart will invest \$500 **million** in one of Australia's largest **dairy** operations has invigorated the South Burnett's **dairy** industry.

But the project details are yet to be revealed and the questions are mounting.

To produce the proposed 150 **million** litres of **milk** each year for export to **China**, Hope Dairies will need about 10,000 cows.

Hope Dairies' Jason Morrison said the project was still in the design stage, but confirmed the **company** would be looking to source the herd from Queensland in stages.

"There are many **dairy** cows still being **sold** to southern states and we will try to reduce that flow," Mr Morrison said.

But third generation Silverleaf **dairy** farmer Bevan Rattey said there were not enough **dairy** cattle left in Queensland to meet that demand.

"Many of the herds have been leaving Queensland because of the weather," Mr Rattey said.

"There's just not enough cattle unless they will be bringing them up from Victoria."

With just 26 **dairy** farmers left in the South Burnett and 460 across the state, Queensland **Dairy** Farmers Organisation president Brian Tessmann shared Mr Rattey's concerns.

"If we got under way quickly, we could supply the numbers they need within the next two to three years."

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