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NURSERIES BATTLE EFFECT OF RESTRICTIONS

The latest survey by the Nursery & Garden Industry Queensland (NGIQ) indicates that most retail nurseries and garden centres in south East Queensland and specifically in those Council areas to which Level 3 restrictions apply are suffering a 25 percent downturn in plant sales.

Some nurseries have indicated that weekend sales can be down as much as 70 percent on some weekends.

“The downturn is primarily due to a loss in gardening confidence by the public who are not prepared to risk buying new plants that they can not water,” said the NGIQ Executive Officer Donald Scotts.

“Production nurseries who supply plants for landscaping and streetscaping appear to be managing well as there is no downturn in the building industry. For production nurseries who supply retail nurseries and garden centres there is a similar 25 percent average downturn.”

“The other area being affected is staffing with over 750 jobs lost to date. In many cases these workers find employment in other industries and their skills are lost forever.”

Donald Scotts suggested that the restrictions had unfairly targeted the nursery industry while other industries had avoided any restrictions to date.

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