

## Looking After Your Standover

Standover needs to be managed like any other crop on your farm. Some of the factors you need to consider are:

### Fertilising

- Experience indicates that fertilising standover is **NOT** warranted.
- Once a standover block is harvested, a reassessment of fertiliser needs of the following ratoon may be worthwhile particularly if standover yield is high.

### Weed Control

- Vines control is important to prevent crop degradation.

### Rat & Pig Control

- Standover blocks are a magnet for rats and pigs.
- Keep headlands mowed short & ends/edges of crops spot sprayed.
- Manage harbourage areas. (slashing, grazing, perimeter baiting)
- In crop rat baiting must be with registered products.
- Remember you must record your baiting program on the MAPS website or contact your MAPS Officer with your details.

### Harvesting

- It's likely that pre-harvest burning will be the best option for large standover cane as this will reduce the amount of extraneous matter and make harvesting easier.
- Its best to cut standover in the first round as the difference in CCS relative to the mill is likely to be smallest.

### Seek Advice

- With every grower's situation different, please discuss your options with your MAPS Officer.

