



# NSW Apiarists' Association Inc.

Southern Tablelands Branch

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Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committees on Rural Affairs and Transport  
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Canberra ACT 2600  
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Dear Sirs

The Southern Tablelands Branch of NSW Apiarists' Association Inc., represent 63 registered beekeepers within that area.

They are mostly commercial beekeepers with a proportion of small scale beekeepers and they all produce honey and pollinate various crops, from Almonds, Sunflowers, Citrus in the Riverina to Canola, Pome and Stone fruit in the Young and surrounding areas orchards.

Without European Honey Bees for pollination, the farmers and orchardists would not have a crop to harvest including various vegetable crops.

The Asian Bee must be stopped and eradicated as soon as possible, before it destroys most of the managed and native bee hives within Australia. It is detrimental to the livelihood of all beekeepers, farmers and indirectly the public.

Kind regards

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