

To Whom It May Concern,

I; Graham Alexander Baker of the above address am the principal and manager of the company; Baker Beekeeping Pty. Ltd. The core business of the company is Honey and Beeswax production along with providing a pollination service to the Agricultural sector.

The company presently employs four full-time and three part-time staff. this number of employees is significant in a small country town and even more so to Australia as the business actually is productive and creates wealth.

The threat to Australia's Apicultural industry caused by the incursion of the Asian Honey Bee is very real; should not be dismissed; should not be placed in the "too hard basket" and action to get rid of them needs to be prioritised. This is not a time for the "bean counters" to have their input. Whatever resouces it takes to rid Australia of this pest must be used. If not the long term cost would be so high it would impossible to quantify.

Yours Sincerely

Graham Baker