

INQUIRY INTO THE FUTURE OF BEEKEEPING AND POLLINATION
SERVICE INDUSTRIES IN AUSTRALIA

Public Hearing Tuesday, 15 April 2014

Murray Bridge

SUPPLEMENTARY EVIDENCE – Mr Trevor Monson

CHEMICAL LABELLING

Instructions for using chemicals need to be simple and clear to prevent misuse and loss to the user and those around them. For example, last year a number of beekeepers had bees killed from spray drifting from a crop that had been sprayed nearby while pollinating a flowering crop. During investigation DPI personnel and beekeepers were shocked when a senior Environmental Protection Authority officer stated that the label was only a guide and isn't binding. In fact, he went on to say that applicators could not be held responsible for spray drift.

[Names can be provided if required]