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Dear Sirs

My name is Bill Stratton, I am 68 years old, retired and a registered small scale beekeeper, and have been keeping bees for 25 years or so. It is a wonderful hobby keeping me fit and alert.

I supply honey to the locals, along with the bees pollinating everyone's garden patch in the area, up to 4k radius of my hives.

The Asian Bee will definitely put an end to my beekeeping operation if it is not eradicated promptly. The Asian Bee will be another "cane toad" problem that will spread across the entire Australian continent and cannot be managed.

Kind regards

Wm G (Bill) Stratton - Secretary