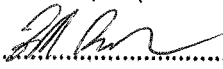


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DEVELOPMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN
HONEY BEE INDUSTRY**

In addition to land clearing being a factor of us losing our freehold resources subdivision is also having an impact. Only last week I visited one of my freehold landowners and was told that they had sold a further 712 hectares to a developer, this recent sale making it a total of some 1000 hectares they had sold in the last 10 to 15 years. This land has and will be developed into lifestyle blocks ranging in size from 16 hectares down to 1300 sq metres approx. This is just one instance involving one landowner which shows what is happening across QLD as lifestyle blocks become increasingly popular. These subdivisions make this land unsuitable for use by beekeepers with large loads of bees as the bees tend to water at swimming pools ,stock troughs, leaking taps etc, all of which create a nuisance to the property owners. Also under our duty of care it is not wise for us to use these blocks as the risk of the public being stung by bees is too high. Some local councils also have restrictions on how many hives can be placed on these smaller areas of land. I can see this problem of hive restrictions becoming worse in years to come as councils are amalgamated and city by-laws are adopted for the country areas. When bees are placed on Crown lands [eg state-forests] we do not have any of the problems mentioned above as they are well away from houses and the public.

In summary the reason I would like to add this amendment to my submission is to highlight why the viability of our beekeeping operation relies on continued access to Crown Land resources for pollen and nectar and point out that we are also losing our freehold resources in QLD.

**YOURS FAITHFULLY
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