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## Submission Overview:

Apicultural uses of Conservation Areas perceived as an Ecological Threat

(No substantiated proof of this after 150 years of Industry existence)



Reduced Access permitted by Government Regulation, Policies and Pricing



Reduction in Industry Viability



No Expansion    Reduction in production    Reduced Exports



Pollination services costs will rise leading to higher costs for crop growers



Food production and Exports reduced or limited growth



Importation, replacement programs less successful

If only all these costs could be paid for by those who subscribe to the 'Precautionary Principle'  
Unfounded inconclusive research is very costly. The Jury is still not decided upon any crime and yet we  
seem to have been convicted in all States without a fair trial and without all costs and benefits being  
assessed fairly

A proper government inquiry receiving these scenarios should be considered before these costs escalate.

Governments need to be pro active not re active once it is too late.

PUBLIC GOOD - Crop pollination values derived from honey bee pollination \$ 250 million annually in Victoria  
alone. Without an apiary industry the conservative costs could be this same \$ 250 million per year in Victoria  
as a loss