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The Secretariat
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee
Room SG.62,
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sirs,

I write this submission to lodge my response to the Revised draft IRA on New Zealand apples. My family and I are orchardists in the Tatura area of Victoria

I cannot understand why we as a country free of many diseases would even think about risking the future of our fruit industry let alone other flora and fauna.

Firstly I do not believe the IRA takes a conservative line throughout the report I believe anything that may alter our risk profile should be extremely conservative.

Secondly, visual inspections do not provide a reliable way of detecting the disease, leaves, and trunks that twist and turn, non-uniform colour of the trunk and many other natural features will camouflage the cankers.

Finally you talk about consultations with the states, have these been meaningful? If they have then why are nearly all of them preparing submissions?

I urge you or those in decision-making positions to consider these points I await your response.

Sincerely

Peter Hall