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American Foulbrood National Pest Management Plan

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Highlights Report

1. **AFB Apiary and Beekeeper Levy Proposal**

The Management Agency released the proposal to increase the apiary and beekeeper levy at the ApiNZ Conference on 23 July 2018.

Two sets of FAQs have been released in response to beekeeper questions. The first set released on 30 July responded to questions about the levy from hobbyists, and the second set released on 7 August answered questions about the Management Agency's current and proposed approach to compliance and enforcement.

Beekeepers have been able to ask questions about the levy proposal at the Management Agency stand at the ApiNZ Conference, via email, and the conference presentation was represented to the Whangarei Beekeeping Club on 4 August.

Submissions received to date have indicated a high level of support to additional investment in the proposed activities to control AFB, and a lack of support for providing funding through an increased levy.

The preliminary consultation findings are presented in the attached "Preliminary Consultation Findings on the Proposal to increase the American Foulbrood Apiary and Beekeeper Levy."

2. **AsureQuality contract**

The Management Agency has agreed a two-year contract with AsureQuality. The contract reflects the Management Agency's intent to bring the management of the AFB Surveillance and Inspection Programme (SIP) in house this year.

3. **Appointment of National Field Manager**

The Management Agency has made a condition offer of appointment to fill the new position of National Field Manager. The National Field Manager will be responsible for the management of the AFB Surveillance and Inspection Programme (SIP) and is expected to start on 1 October 2018. This will bring far greater control and accountability for the SIP activities.