

HAVE YOUR SAY

The next 10 years of the
PMP for AFB elimination

Review of the National American
Foulbrood Pest Management Plan



What is American Foulbrood?



- American Foulbrood (AFB) is an incurable and fatal disease affecting honey bee colonies
- AFB causes serious economic losses
- AFB has been under legislative control in NZ since 1906



We're conducting a consultation



- The Biosecurity Order 1998 (National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan – AFB PMP) is scheduled to expire on 1 April 2023.
 - **If it expires beekeepers will no longer have a legal obligation to control AFB in their hives**
- The Management Agency is planning to submit a proposal to the Minister to extend the AFB PMP for another 10 years, beyond 1 April 2023.
 - **We are seeking input from beekeepers so that we can use your ideas to form the proposal**

What could the future look like for the AFB PMP?



- **Leave unchanged**
 - No changes to current AFB legal obligations
- **Amend**
 - Minor changes to current AFB legal obligations
- **Revoke and replace**
 - All or some of the current AFB legal obligations are revoked and replaced with new obligations
- **Revoke**
 - All current AFB legal obligations are revoked, i.e. beekeepers are no longer legally obligated to eliminate AFB

The consultation process



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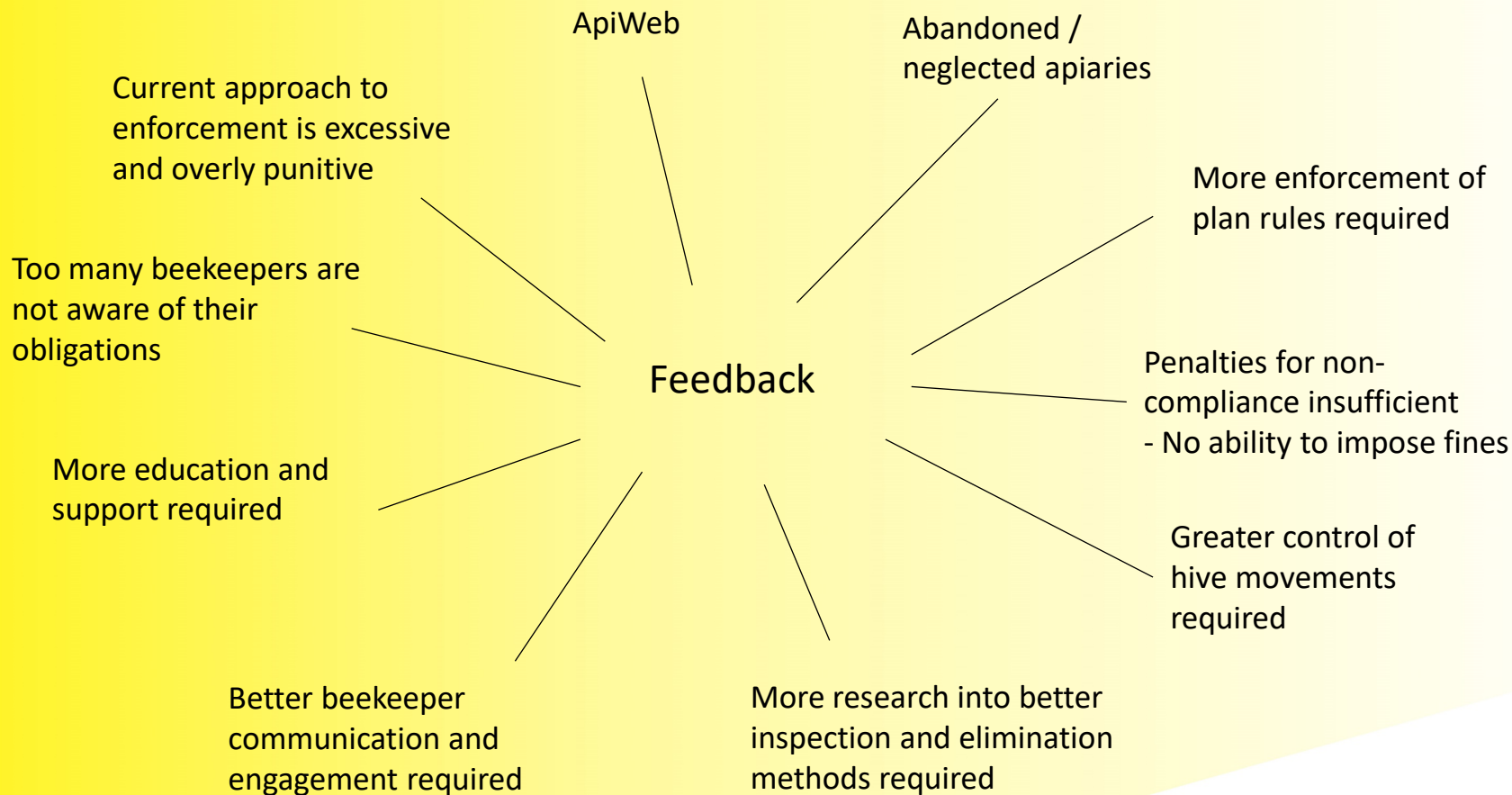
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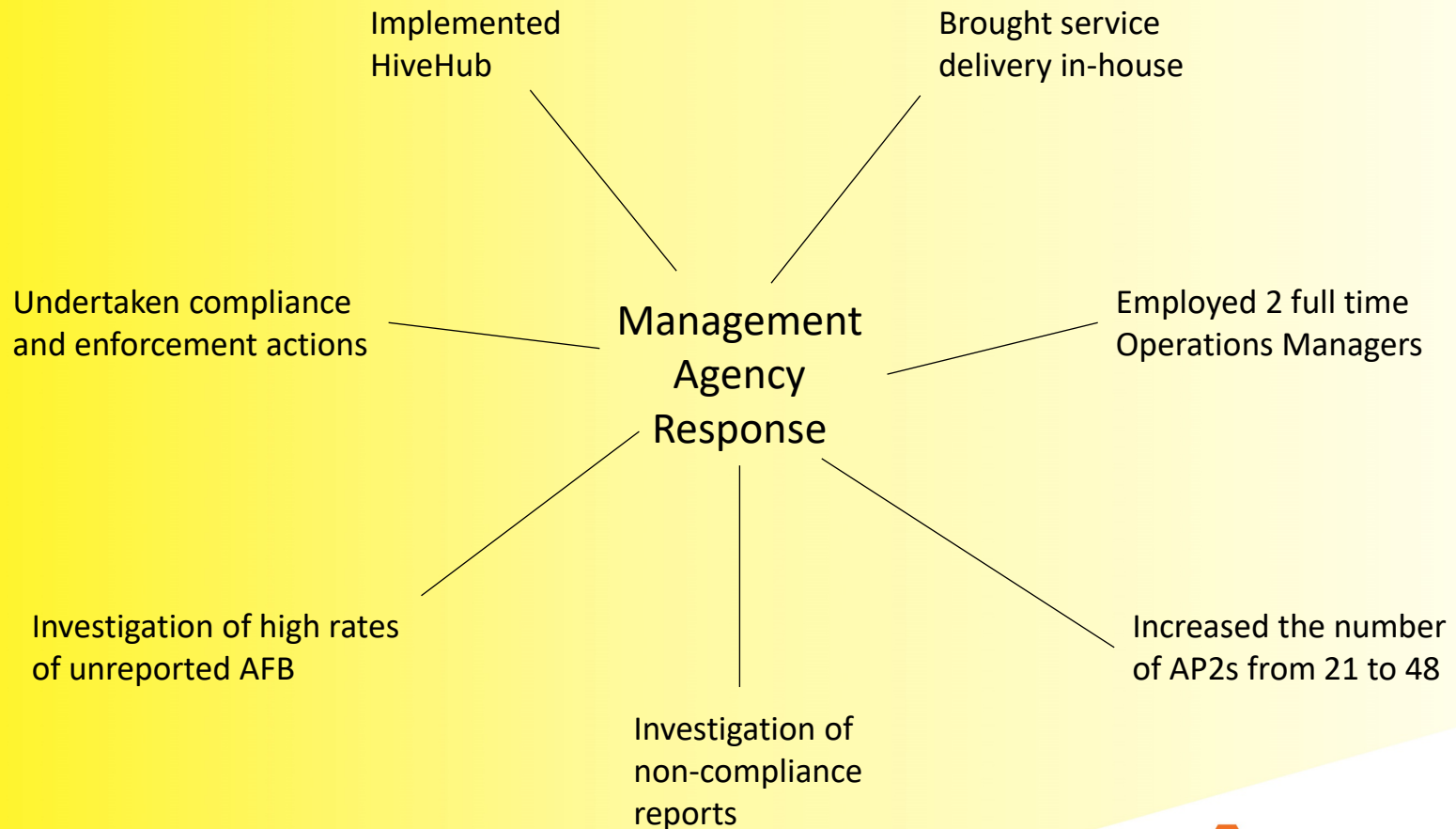
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We've been listening and hear that we can do better



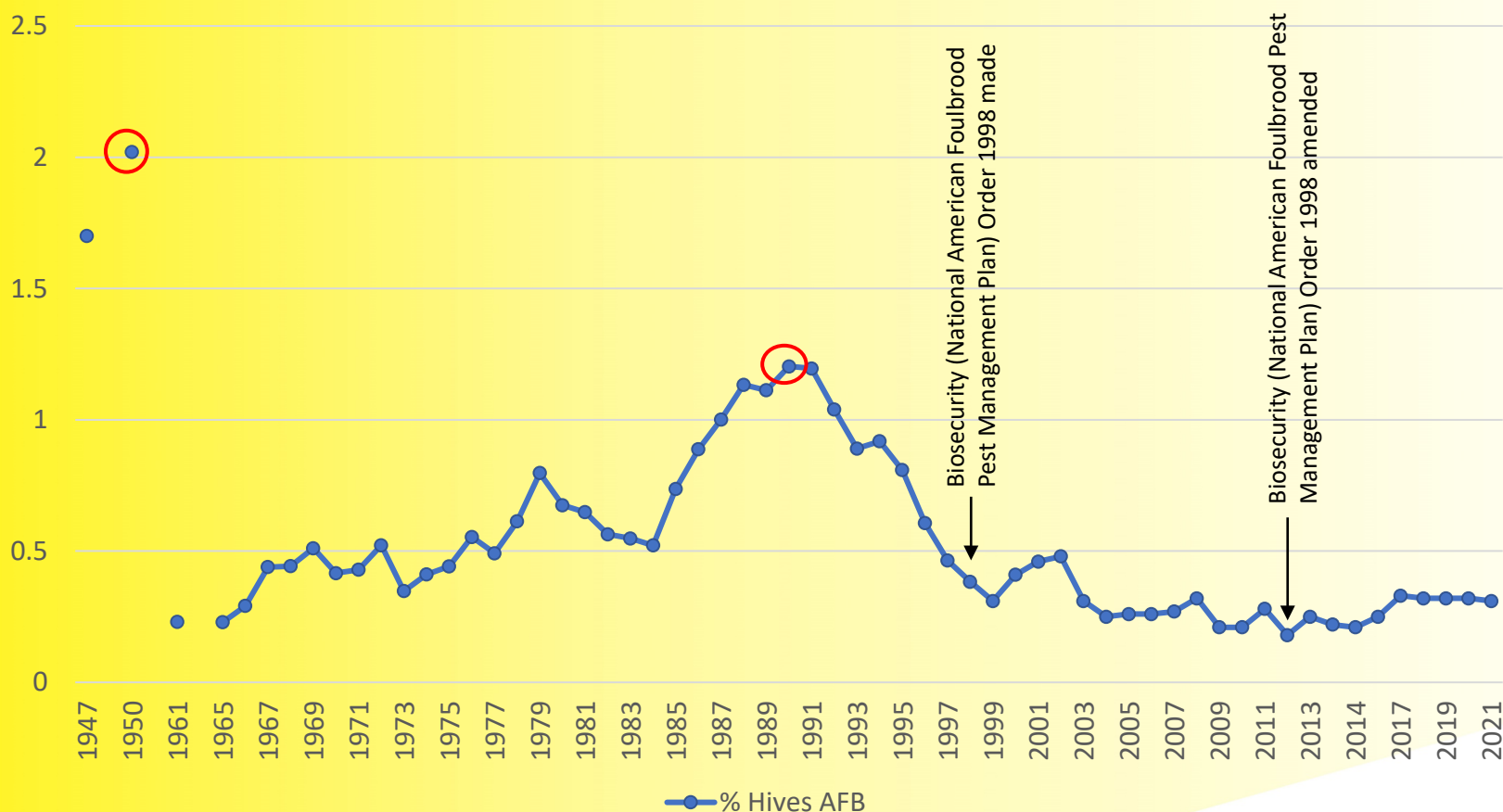
What we have done in response to your concerns



What has the AFB PMP achieved?



The AFB PMP has prevented a 6-fold increase in AFB, avoiding a return to levels last seen in 1950 and 1990





Consultation Questions

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on the next 10 years of PMP
for AFB elimination

What do you think about beekeeper legal obligations to eliminate AFB?



- **No change to legal obligations**
 - existing legal obligations are appropriate
- **Some change to legal obligations**
 - minor changes to existing legal obligations are required
- **Major change to some legal obligations**
 - new legal obligations are required and/or some existing legal obligations require major changes
- **Major change to most legal obligations**
 - new legal obligations may be required and most existing legal obligations require major changes
- **No legal obligations**
 - all legal obligations should be revoked
- **Explain the reasons for your preference**

Further Consultation Questions



- What do you think works well?
- What are we missing when it comes to eliminating AFB?
- What would you change about the current AFB PMP?
- Which changes would you prioritise?

What happens next?



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