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American Foulbrood National Pest Management Plan

Governance Report Apiculture New Zealand (Inc)

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Highlights Report

1. Plan Order Consultation

All consultation materials were prepared and ready to launch the first round of consultation at the ApiNZ Conference on 22 June 2021. Three webinars were offered and over 430 submissions were received.

The Management Agency Board considered a preliminary analysis of submission at the August Board meeting. 54% of submitters stated that no changes were required to beekeepers' legal obligations to eliminate AFB, and a further 29% considered that some minor changes were required.

Beekeepers made submissions on a wide variety of topics including:

- The goal of eliminating AFB
- Beekeeper practices, obligations and enforcement of current rules
- DECA obligations, reviews and cancellation
- Timeframes for notifying apiaries and AFB
- Apiary inspections
- Abandoned hives
- Destruction of AFB infected hives and gear
- Treatment and sterilisation
- Honey testing
- Responding to, containing, and preventing AFB
- Apiary locations and hive movements
- Enforcement and penalties for non-compliance
- New methods and emerging technologies
- Training and education
- Levy
- Management Agency, and
- Plan order review process

The volume of written submissions and the variety of topics covered has increased the time and effort required to analyse submissions. Analysis of submissions is continuing, and the final analysis will be presented to the Management Agency Board for their consideration at a Zoom call established for the purpose.

The Management Agency intends to undertake the second round of consultation in October.

2. Annual Disease Returns

2021 has been the Management Agencies most successful year ever for submission of ADRs. 9,286 beekeepers have submitted their ADR. This represents 96.6% of beekeepers that were registered on 1 April 2021 that did not subsequently deregister. 7,466 beekeepers submitted their ADR by the 1 June deadline. 90% of beekeepers submitted their ADR via HiveHub and 10% submitted their ADR using paper forms.

694 ADRs were outstanding when the HiveHub 'ADR window' was closed on 1 August 2021. 39 ADR defaulters held a DECA. The Management Agency has informed these beekeepers that their DECA has been cancelled, and that they will need to comply with all plan rules for a minimum of 12 months before they will become eligible for a DECA.

The improved performance is due to a number of system improvements including bringing the Apiary Coordinator function in house, implementing a new phone system, and implementing HiveHub.

3. HiveHub

Development of HiveHub has continued over the May to mid-July period at a slower rate to deliver functionality that was previously deprioritised to enable time critical functionality, e.g., ADR and levy collection to be deployed on time. This has included the delivery of outstanding Phone App, Certificate of Inspection, Management Dashboards and Reports, Cost Recovery, Operations Manager GIS functionality, and the National Compliance Manager user interface.

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Statistics as of 4 August 2021

Registered beekeepers	9,851
Registered apiaries	60,688
Colonies on registered apiaries	806,024
2021 ADRs submitted	9,286 (96.6%)
2021 ADRs submitted by 1 June	7,466 (77.0%)
2021 COI submitted	0
2021 COI submitted by 15 December	0
# Registered Beekeepers with DECA	5,103 (52.0%)

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