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# **American Foulbrood National Pest Management Plan**

## **Governance Report Apiculture New Zealand (Inc)**

**Report 25 – November 2021**

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## Highlights Report

### 1. Plan Order Consultation

The Management Agency has completed analysis and consideration of beekeeper submissions from the first round of consultation. The Management Agency is proposing to make the following amendments to the plan order based on the consideration of beekeeper submissions:

#### **Education training and support**

- Amend DECA rules to require:
  - Completion of refresher training every 5 years to retain a DECA
  - Beekeepers employed by the DECA holder to attend AFB recognition and refresher training as a condition of the DECA

#### **Surveillance and prevention**

- New rule requiring diagnostic laboratories to provide AFB test results to Management Agency
- New & amended rules for notification of transfer of beehive ownership
  - New rule requiring notification within 7 days
  - Amend ADR rule to require Beekeeper Registration Number
  - New power enabling AP2s to use detector dogs

#### **Enforcement and penalties**

- New power to destroy AFB beehives, and prevent the spread of AFB
- New ability to impose infringement fines as a penalty

A copy of all consultation materials can be found at <https://afb.org.nz/review-of-plan-order/>

Consultation with beekeepers was formally launched on 10 November 2021. The Management Agency has planned eight roadshow events throughout the country in conjunction with local beekeeping organisations and clubs (COVID-19 permitting) and is offering five webinars.

The Management Agency Board has invited New Zealand Beekeeping Inc to present their views on the proposed changes to the plan order at the December Board meeting.

Consultation is planned to end on 12 December 2021.

Following the completion of consultation submissions the Management Agency will analyse and consider submissions. This information will be used to assist the Management Agency to draft a detailed proposal to amend the plan order.

The Management Agency expects to initiate consultation of the detailed proposal in June 2022 prior to submission of the proposal to the Minister.

## **2. Certificates of Inspection**

897 Certificates of Inspection have been completed and entered into HiveHub by 10 November 2022 - well down on the 1,232 COIs that had been entered by the same time last year.

The August 2021 COVID-19 outbreak is believed to be the primary cause of the reduction on COI's completed to date. The Management Agency delayed its promotion of the requirement to complete a COI until after regions dropped to COVID alert level 3.

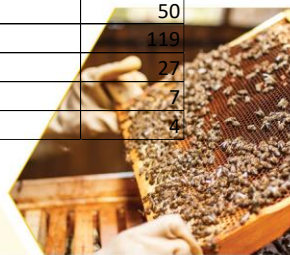
Now that regions are either in alert levels 2 or level 3 step 2 the Management Agency is sending out regular reminders to beekeeper encouraging them to complete their Certificates of Inspection contactless methods or by using masks and safe social distancing.

## **3. Operational Plan**

The Management Agency has amended its operational plan and submitted it to the Minister for review. The Management Agency is planning to publish it in December 2021. It contains a number of minor changes including:

- Conducting default COI inspections for all beekeepers that default on their COI instead of those that default on both their COI and ADR.
- Requiring beekeepers to have no overdue invoices before entering into a DECA with the Management Agency.
- Updating the description of honey surveillance to better communicate that the purpose of honey surveillance is to provide evidence to confirm which beekeepers have negligible levels of AFB

Management Agency 2021/22 Activity Report													
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total
# HiveHub portal logins	5,134	1,849	2,852	4,197	6,461								20,493
# 0800 AFB PMP phone calls	1529	706	458	601	808								4,102
Outgoing	621	350	212	260	349								1,792
Incoming	908	356	246	341	459								2,310
# Help and support cases opened	1,302	342	542	620	1,198								4,004
# Help and support cases closed	1,436	363	498	564	1080								3,941
Apiary Coordinators	1090	204	393	457	592								2,736
Administrator	302	134	56	75	84								651
Operations Managers	44	23	46	32	75								220
National Compliance Manager	0	2	0	0	1								3
# New Beekeeper Registrations	82	33	67	88	177								447
# Beekeepers Deregistered	272	80	72	78	118								620
# BK Employees granted HiveHub access	13	4	9	6	16								48
# New Apiary Registrations	392	302	570	526	686								2,476
# Apiary Deregistrations	748	356	776	397	350								2,627
# Colony Returns Completed	1,384	37	9	1	0								1,431
# ADRs Completed	1,674	157	15	5	2								1,853
#COIs completed	1	0	3	96	407								507
# Training Course Participants	41	56	68	65	95								325
# Full Course + Test Participants	33	34	40	42	62								211
# AFB Refresher Participants	8	22	28	23	33								114
# DECAs Approved	88	22	43	38	74								265
#Hobbyist	77	8	29	31	49								194
#Commercial	11	14	14	7	25								71
# AFB Notifications Reviewed	103	32	119	256	227								737
# Apiaries Inspected	183	23	131	282	327								946
# Surveillance	65	15	114	249	296								739
# Unregistered Apiary	6	5	9	15	15								50
# Default COI	109	3	7	0	0								119
# High Risk Beekeeper	0	0	0	15	12								27
# Monitoring Compliance with s122 Notice	2	0	0	1	4								7
# s128 Action on Default	1	0	1	2	0								4





## Statistics as of 10 November 2021



Registered beekeepers	10,003
Registered apiaries	61,465
Colonies on registered apiaries	797,655
2021 ADRs submitted	9,303 (96.8%)
2021 ADRs submitted by 1 June	7,466 (77.0%)
2021 COI submitted	897
2021 COI submitted by 15 December	TBD
# Registered Beekeepers with DECA	5,186 (52.4%)

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