



March 16, 2022.

State Development & Regional Industries

Via email: sdric@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) supports the Queensland Beekeepers' Association Inc. submission to the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022.

Access to native forests is critical to the survival of the Queensland honeybee industry and colleagues in the southern states. The future of Australian farming, food production and food security for all Australians relies on beekeeping having access to the rich and diverse floral resources found in National Parks. Access to the National Park apiary sites provides the ideal nutritional needs to support strong healthy bees capable of proving critical pollination services to the Australian Agricultural sector including horticulture.

By securing the access to the National Park apiary sites now and in the future, it ensures the health and sustainability of beekeeping in Queensland and food security in Australia.

In conclusion, the NFF supports Queensland Beekeepers' Association Inc. and the amendment of Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. The NFF agree that the amendment is critical to create a healthy future in the agricultural and horticultural sector.

Should you wish to discuss or have any questions, please contact Warwick Ragg on [REDACTED] or via email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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