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To State Development and Regional Industries Committee [dric@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:dric@parliament.qld.gov.au)

**Re: Support for Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022**

Apimondia is the International Federation of Beekeeping Associations, the global peak industry body for beekeepers worldwide. Apimondia is represented by 114 Member organisations from 73 countries and represents 4,200,000 beekeepers and 67,000,000 beehives globally. Australia through the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) is a member of Apimondia. Through AHBIC the Queensland Beekeepers Association are also represented by Apimondia through their membership to AHBIC.

In my capacity as Oceania Regional President for Apimondia I endorse and support on behalf of Apimondia the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 before the Queensland Government.

Apimondia strongly supports the protection of healthy bee populations and as such believes it is critical that access for floral resources is maintained globally.

Apimondia in 2021 signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and have since jointly produced a publication titled "Beekeeping Contributes to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals" to which I was a contributing author ([https://www.apiservices.biz/documents/articles-en/beekeeping\\_contributes\\_sdg.pdf](https://www.apiservices.biz/documents/articles-en/beekeeping_contributes_sdg.pdf)) In this publication we outline how "Beekeeping is an activity that can have an impact on all the 17 SDGs in consideration of the possibility it offers to improve food production systems from the most subsistence production methods to the highly developed technological advanced systems. It can do so without creating pollution or waste. It has a positive impact on biodiversity. Beekeeping brings people together and Apimondia assists in the global dissemination of knowledge about all 17 goals"

Additionally as part of the first observance of World Bee Day in 2018, an international ministerial conference on the significance of bees and other pollinators for sustainable agriculture and food security was held on 19th of May 2018 in Slovenia, Brdo pri Kranju.

Ministers and representatives from 22 countries (including Australia) from all continents and representatives of international organisations discussed the situation, activities, and the required measures to protect bees in the world. There was a joint declaration formed to protect bees to which the Australian government was a part. A copy of the declaration is available at [http://www.mkgp.gov.si/fileadmin/mkgp.gov.si/pageuploads/Medijsko\\_sredisce/2018/05\\_Maj/19\\_ministrska\\_konferenca/Declaration\\_WORLD\\_BEE\\_DAY.pdf](http://www.mkgp.gov.si/fileadmin/mkgp.gov.si/pageuploads/Medijsko_sredisce/2018/05_Maj/19_ministrska_konferenca/Declaration_WORLD_BEE_DAY.pdf)

Apimondia thanks the committee for their work on this bill and stands ready to provide any additional supporting information that may be necessary. Myself and my international Apimondia colleagues would be willing to meet and discuss our support with your committee at any time if this is necessary.

Yours sincerely,



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