



# FEDERATED FARMERS

SUBMISSION ON:  
APPLICATION FOR THE REASSESSMENT OF A  
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE UNDER SECTION 63  
OF THE HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND NEW  
ORGANISMS ACT 1996

# SUBMISSION

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**SUBMISSION ON:** Application for the Reassessment of Hazardous Substance Under Section 63 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996

**NAME OF SUBSTANCE:** Methyl Bromide

**APPLICATION NUMBER:** HRC08002

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

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- 1.1 Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to comment on the review of Methyl Bromide.
- 1.2 While Methyl Bromide is not a chemical used on-farm, it is used to fumigate timber and other materials at our ports and forms an important part of our biosecurity capacity.
- 1.3 Biosecurity is of great importance to the agricultural sector in New Zealand. Federated Farmers does not wish to see our biosecurity capacity compromised.
- 1.4 Some farmers also have forestry on their land and are thus part of New Zealand's forestry sector. We also wish to ensure that New Zealand's forestry sector is not compromised.
- 1.5 We understand that currently China and India require New Zealand to fumigate log exports with Methyl Bromide. It is therefore essential for market access that Methyl Bromide continues to be able to be used. To prevent its use would harm New Zealand's forestry sector.
- 1.6 Federated Farmers has been consulted by the New Zealand Forest Owners Association on their submission on the reassessment of Methyl Bromide. Federated Farmers supports the submission of the Forest Owners Association and we are happy for the Forest Owners Association to comment on our behalf on matters of detail.
- 1.7 ***As such, Federated Farmers supports Scenario 1 (Baseline) with the modifications recommended in the Forest Owners Association submission.***

## 2. ABOUT FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND

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- 2.1 Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a primary sector organisation that represents farming and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers.
- 2.2 The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming business. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:
- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
  - Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
  - Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.