

# FEDERATED FARMERS BEES



All Federated Farmers members are allocated into a province and an industry group. There are 24 provinces and seven industry groups. Bees is the newest industry group and has been on board with the Federation since 2003. The Bee Industry group has a committee of up to six members, led by a chairman. The committee has autonomy to express its views, and works collectively with the other industry groups on issues of common interest.

**John Hartnell** is the national chair of Federated Farmers Bees. He is also a National Board member. John has had more than 30 years experience with the bee industry, including being an apiarist. Since 1990 he has been involved with exporting honey into Asia and Europe. Alongside his exporting business he operates Skyworks Canterbury, which is an aerial photography business. He also works as a consultant to small businesses on staff management and their company's future direction.



John says, "The Federation has a key role to play in advocating for the farming sector and managing, protecting and leading decision making processes. I believe we should fight strongly for the future sustainability of farming and the right for all farmers, including beekeepers, to work their land in a sensitive but practical manner. I am passionate about the primary sector". You are welcome to contact him on 0800 327 646, on his cellphone 021 578 754 or email: [jhartnell@fedfarm.org.nz](mailto:jhartnell@fedfarm.org.nz)

**Shona Sluys** job at Federated Farmers is to provide the policy advice to the Federated Farmers Bee Industry Group. She describes her role as, "Supporting the committee and working with John to write submissions, consulting with beekeepers and publishing a regular bimonthly newsletter called 'BIG Picture". You can ring Shona using the 0800 327 646 free phone or email her at [ssluys@fedfarm.org.nz](mailto:ssluys@fedfarm.org.nz)



**Bob Douglas** is the Industry Manager for Federated Farmers Bees. Bob worked in the finance, local government and marketing sectors before joining Federated Farmers 15 years ago. he acts as manager for three of the Federation's Industry Groups (Bees, Goats and High Country) as well as taking on some policy work. You can contact bob on the Federations's free phone number 0800 327 646 or by email at [bdouglas@fedfarm.org.nz](mailto:bdouglas@fedfarm.org.nz)



## Some of the Bee issues keeping everyone busy at the moment

- Varroa mite and its spread / management
- Biosecurity
- Free trade
- Promoting the role played by bees in pollination across all spheres of the community

