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- I support the application
- I oppose the application
- I neither support or oppose the application

**The reasons for making my submission are<sup>1</sup>:**

The Rural Contractors NZ. have supported training of their members through a national certificate which leads on to Registered Chemical Application certificate.

The Rural Contractors NZ. have supported the Bee industry for many years , with information sent to members plus BEE SAFE, SPRAY SAFE stickers.

At the Agcarm annual conference, a speaker from the Bee industry told us that the numbers of hives have increased to 1/2 million which has happened over the last few years. Even with the parasites etc. that have attacked the hives over the years, the numbers of hives have increased.

Rural Contractors NZ believe in the protection of our bee population as New Zealand is very depended on Agricultural.

- I wish to be heard in support of my submission (this means that you can speak at the hearing)
- I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission (this means that you cannot speak at the hearing)

**I wish for the EPA to make the following decision:**

That if there is a problem with use off Organophosphate and Carbamate products, then only those with a Registered Chemical Applicator Certificate can transport, store, and apply these products.

This is not new as in the 80's 90's , there were products that must be applied by Registered Chemical Applicator.

Rural Contractors NZ. support the reassessment of non contact periods.

<sup>1</sup> Further information can be appended to your submission, if you are sending this submission electronically and attaching a file we accept the following formats – Microsoft Word, Text, PDF, ZIP, JPEG and JPG. The file must be not more than 8Mb.