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Dear Liam,

**Time waiver for Chilean needle grass biological control agent (APP203314)**

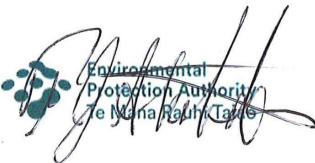
As you know, this application is currently subject to a time waiver under section 59 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996. This was to allow time for further testing of the biocontrol agent *Uromyces pecanus* before consideration of the application.

This letter is to confirm to you that the time waiver will continue. We understand that the additional testing has yet to be completed despite your best efforts. The time waiver has been extended and we will review it again in April 2024 if we have not heard from you before then.

We confirm that, in line with section 59(5) of the HSNO Act, we will proceed with processing your application as soon as we are able to.

Please contact Aubanie Raynal at [Aubanie.raynal@epa.govt.nz](mailto:Aubanie.raynal@epa.govt.nz) if you wish to discuss this timeframe extension or any other part of the application process further.

Yours sincerely



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