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Hi there

I am extremely concerned at the thought of STIMBR requesting an extension of the deadline for its current Methyl Bromide system until 2030. Use of this highly toxic fumigant is banned in most countries for a reason – it is proven to cause serious health issues, not to mention its effect on the ozone. I wish to submit my support for NOT allowing an extension as set out by the EPA in 2010.

What upsets and frustrates me is that I sense an extension will be granted purely based on money. Clearly the NZ forestry industry will most likely be crippled in the event that this extension is revoked, given that it would not be possible to export logs to China and India from NZ's main log export port. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council owns 51% of the Port of Tauranga and India supplies NZ Methyl Bromide and it's obviously going to be another case of the financial stakes of corporates people put ahead of the health of the Mount Maunganui community and protection of our environment. An extremely sad state of affairs.

Please consider my submission and make the ethical and moral decision that should be made on this.

Thanks

Kind Regards

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