

From: Andrew Parkinson [REDACTED] >  
Sent: Thursday, 29 August 2019 11:20 AM  
To: Reassessments  
Subject: Methyl Bromide Reassessment 2019 - Submission - Andrew Parkinson...

To Whom It May Concern,

Regarding the Reassessment of Methyl Bromide - as a local resident & father living in Mount Maunganui I would like to strongly oppose any extension to the current 2020 deadline as set out by the EPA in 2010.

Having read the STIMBR application it appears insufficient research has been carried out regarding the health effects on the local population and I am very concerned about the continued use of this chemical with makeshift techniques/controls in an upwind location (prevailing) from a highly populated residential, schooling, and sporting area in Mount Maunganui. The current operations using tarpaulins provides workers, residents and the environment with insufficient protection from this internationally recognized harmful, toxic substance.

- \* I call for the controls set by the EPA in 2010 be adhered to.
- \* I wish to be assured that there are even tighter controls and monitoring in place due to the highly toxic nature of this product. Industry should foot the bill on the extra monitoring, not ratepayers!
- \* I want to see methyl bromide use reduced as it damages the ozone layer.
- \* I am concerned with the conflict of interest of STIMBR – a research organization funded by Forestry and clearly a lobby group for the continued use of this product.
- \* I want it to be noted local residents are extremely concerned about Methyl Bromide use – we feel industry pressure and profits are considered above public health.

The industry has had 10 years to reform their practices, provide honest/effective monitoring, conduct qualified investigation into the health effects, and ideally adapt to using a safer alternative. Unfortunately, any real progress on these issues is not self-evident... PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THEM MORE TIME... this will only support continued indifference. Pondering the semantics of the word 'recapture' is not progress...

Thank you for your consideration, please confirm receipt of my submission by replying to this message.

Andrew Parkinson.