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To whom it may concern

I oppose the request to extend the 2020 deadline as set out by the EPA in 2010.

I am strongly opposed to the continued and increased use of Methyl Bromide due its extreme toxicity with severe and irreversible effects to humans and the environment.

Insufficient research has been conducted to confirm the effect on those working in and near the port, as well as surrounding suburbs, to allow a continued use of this substance. Moreover, the Regional Council and industry lacks proper measurement equipment to place in sufficient locations for a long enough periods of time to adequately measure the adherence to current limits.

Not only do we risk the public health for financial gain, we also risk eroding the value of other New Zealand exports. As New Zealand is the highest industrial user of Methyl Bromide worldwide, I believe continued use may also jeopardise New Zealand brand equity, reducing consumer confidence in our primary products and therefore hurting our economy as a whole.

I am happy to speak at the hearing in support of my submission.

Kind regards

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