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Greetings,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed extension to the use of Methyl Bromide at Tauranga Port.

I live in The Mount and have a young family and know many young families who live here and many who are retired here too. While I realise that the Port activities are very important to the region and to NZ as a whole, I am very concerned about this proposed extension and I know that many who would have no idea about this submission process are also concerned. We really need to focus our attention beyond pure financial benefits and take seriously the environmental and wellbeing consequences of granting this extension.

I am not convinced that the parties involved took this 2020 deadline, set 10 years ago, seriously. They simply did not undertake the steps necessary nor prioritise it enough. I have no confidence that they would do anything differently if an extension is granted. How can we trust that STIMBR which is a research organisation funded by Forestry -the primary beneficiary of the export of wood to China, nor the Port, which is making huge profits, be seriously expected to change their behaviours? They haven't done it yet, what has changed to incentivise them to do it in the next 10 years?

The serious health implications of the use of Methyl Bromide are casually dismissed....and while no scientific causal link can be made, it is concerning to me that I personally know 4 people within the direct westerly wind flow of Port to Ocean who have battled cancer in 2018 ALONE. All of these people have lived here for over 10- 15 years. I have met or heard of more people with cancer in this area in short 5 years of living here than anywhere else that I have lived. I cannot dismiss the possibility that the use of Methyl Bromide contributes to these high numbers.

There is also a growing acceptance of the issues presented with Climate Change and measures such as the 9 planetary boundaries framework. Methyl Bromide is a known Ozone Depletor and this can no longer be ignored.

Tauranga is one of the fastest-growing cities in New Zealand. And yes, industry and people do need to live together. Let's make it SAFE to do so. Granting this extension is not the way forward.

I strongly oppose this extension. PLEASE, DO NOT GIVE THEM MORE TIME.

Thank you for your consideration.

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