



# Approval

<b>Application number</b>	APP203875
<b>Applicant</b>	Tasman District Council
<b>Application type</b>	To import for release and/or release from containment any new organism under section 34 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
<b>Purpose of the approval</b>	To import for release 2 parasitoids, <i>Metoecus paradoxus</i> and <i>Volucella inanis</i> , as biological control agents for the invasive German and common wasps ( <i>Vespula germanica</i> and <i>V. vulgaris</i> ).
<b>Date Application received</b>	14 September 2020
<b>Date of decision</b>	5 February 2021

Application APP203875 to import for release the wasp-nest beetle, *Metoecus paradoxus*, and the hoverfly, *Volucella inanis*, was lodged under section 34 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996 (the Act).

The Committee decided to exercise its discretion and **approve** the import for release and/or release from containment of these two biological control agents under section 38(1)(a) of the Act. The Committee noted that in accordance with section 38(2) of the Act, the approval has been granted without controls.

Under section 38(4) of the Act, every person who releases *Metoecus paradoxus* or *Volucella inanis* within five years after the date of the approval must notify the Authority within 1 month after the date of release.



Environmental  
Protection Authority  
Te Mana Rauhi Taiao

Date: 5 February 2021

**Dr Nick Roskruege**  
**Chair, Decision-making Committee**  
**Environmental Protection Authority**

Table 1. Organisms assessed and approved under section 34 in Approval APP203875

Organism	Approval code
<i>Metoecus paradoxus</i> (Linnaeus, 1761)	NOR100183
<i>Volucella inanis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	NOR100182