

# Your submission to APP203974 - reassessment of hydrogen cyanamide

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## Clause

What is your position on the application? Please outline your reasons in the text box below.

## Position

I support the application

## Notes

I have previously worked for a well known Kiwifruit growing company, as a sub-contractor. In this work I was well inducted on the harm of the chemicals often used. Once I was scheduled to remove and replace the end assemblies for an orchid. In the middle of this work I arrived on site in the morning, and the gate was locked (had not been previously locked). So I called the contact person in which they instructed me where the keys were and to let myself into the orchid. I began my work which included handling old posts and other structural components of the original end assemblies. At 11.30 am (4hrs into working) a senior member of the group drove to me and informed me. The afternoon previous to the day I was working, they had sprayed HiCane. Which was why the gate had been locked, and I was not supposed to be working at all (especially without PPE). This was an oversight and I understand the miscommunication, however I slipped right through really good protocol. I am against the use of chemicals with negative effects to the environment or on people, especially if not managed appropriately. I also believe that any chemicals used as a large commercial operation it is nearly impossible to isolate the real impact of their use. Please take individuals who work with the industry, neighbours and locals who are frequently exposed to these chemicals into consideration.

## Clause

All submissions are taken into account by the decision makers. In addition, please indicate whether or not you also wish to speak at a hearing if one is held.

## Position

No I do not wish to speak about my submission at the hearing

## Notes

I am happy to voice my personal experience in the fringe of the industry, and if more specific details are needed.

**You have elected to withhold your personal details from publication.**