

# Your submission to APP203974 - reassessment of hydrogen cyanamide

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### Clause

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

### Position

I oppose the application

### Notes

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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

## Supporting documents from your Submission

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## Hi-Cane Submission

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Foxsea Orchard has 4.5 hectares of Green Kiwifruit located in the Western Bay of Plenty.

We get our application of Hi-Cane applied on our orchard around mid-August each year.

We prefer to get an authorised spray contractor in to apply the Hi-Cane as they are trained & have all the correct equipment & safety gear to deal with this chemical.

They assess the best time & weather conditions for application.

As the Orchard owner we have large shelter belt trees around our boundaries that are maintained & trimmed once a year. These are an effective method of stopping any spray drift that may occur.

We also have "No Spray Zones" on the orchard around our water ways.

We have a dedicated mixing & fill station on the property for safe work practices of our contractor.

As we approach our application of the Hi-cane we contact our surrounding neighbours with our proposed application date & time. We ask them to stay indoors, keep windows closed & keep pets & Stock away from our boundaries during this time. If they have any concerns they can contact us at any point. We have never had any concerns raised by our neighbours.

At the time of application, our spray contractor takes the necessary precautionary measures of placing signage on the entrance to the property advising of spraying in progress (No Entry) & also checking our boundaries, no spray zones (i.e. waterways) & general safety & welfare of us.

After application the orchard is not to be entered until declared safe.

During all the years we have had Hi-Cane applied I have never seen any animals on the property that have been affected after application. Myself & family & neighbours have never had any medical issues either.

Looking at our current situation of growing the Kiwifruit green variety, we already find ourselves facing a huge increase of cost. This is due to increased labour rates going up for pruning and general orchard tasks. This has been bought about with lack of workers available & Covid 19.

The cost of running the orchard has increased dramatically, where the payout for Green Kiwifruit is very low in comparison to the Gold Kiwifruit.

As a grower we are extremely worried if we were no longer able to get HI-CANE applied to our orchard. The impact would be crippling & most likely not be worthwhile to maintain due to cost versus production, not to mention the mental health & stress impact as well.

Currently on average over the last 6 years, we have done approx. 50,000 trays per year.

Previously, the old owner was an organic grower, so did not use HI-CANE.

He produced approx. only 15,000 trays per annum.

When we purchased the orchard & began HI-CANE application things turned around. After the first year (2001) the trays increased to 27,000. Every year has had a steady increase.

Our best year 2016 was 71,900 trays.

We estimate with no HI-CANE application our numbers would drop to around the 20,000 trays, Therefore making it not worthwhile to continue.

It is actually very frightening to think of the impact it would have on us as a grower & the Kiwifruit industry. We have not seen any other alternative available in the market as yet that can replace the benefit that Hi-cane currently provides.

The knock on effect of less fruit in the market would have a dramatic impact on jobs & export.