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Organic Products Bill

Hi there – the Primary Production Select Committee is accepting submissions until the 27<sup>th</sup> May for the Organic Products Bill.

A written submission with a request for an oral presentation in support will ensure the Select Committee understand your concerns fully – it will reflect the depth of concern from Industry

Check out a lot of relevant detail at <http://www.organicag.co.nz/forum>

Use this link to make your own written submission – remember to tick yes to request an oral submission to support it

These oral submissions will be done by Zoom or similar

[https://www.parliament.nz/en/ECommitteeSubmission/52SCPP\\_SCF\\_BILL\\_94967/CreateSubmission](https://www.parliament.nz/en/ECommitteeSubmission/52SCPP_SCF_BILL_94967/CreateSubmission)

Your submission might want to request the committee withdraw the bill because the intended aims of the bill will not be met if it proceeds the way it is written

The purpose of the Bill is to:

- increase consumer confidence in the purchasing of organic products.....*consumers are already fully aware of Certified Organic Labels in NZ and do not lack knowledge or confidence*
- increase certainty for businesses making organic claims.....*current Auditing and Certification processes are clear around what claims can/cannot be made*
- facilitate international trade in organic products.....*we already trade internationally perfectly well and do not miss out on any markets because of our current system*

The Bill will likely increase compliance costs as per MPI's information to the committee and it will certainly increase product costs because of compliance cost increases

It will not enhance nor improve Trade – Export – opportunities with other nations. We already trade perfectly well with all other nations

Kind Regards,  
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