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**TO: Mr Alan Berry, Dent Robertson and Partners**  
**FROM: Nick Wallingford, NBA President**  
**DATE: 2 April 1996**  
**RE: Scruineering for NBA Commodity Levies referendum...**

Dear Mr Berry

Thank you for indicating your willingness to act as the scrutineer for our upcoming ballot.

I am sending you a copy of the final version of the voting paper and the statements that will accompany it (the statements required by the Commodity Levies Act). I am also sending the last version of the procedures for counting that we have developed. It should give you a pretty good idea of what sort of tallying is expected, and the occasional oddity in the count (a spoiled voting paper, if it can be shown to be from 'a potential levy payer' must be recorded as a NO vote).

We are anticipating that the voting paper will go out in the mail on 15 April, going out to about 5,500 beekeepers. Of those, only about 1,500 or so will actually be 'potential levy payers', but we don't have any way of better targeting the voting papers. Based on experiences of other organisations, the percentage of return may be anywhere from 40 to 80 % (that is, of the 1,500 - I'm expecting there will be quite a few votes returned by people who are not actually entitled to vote, which will be recorded separately).

The voting paper will be accompanied by a free post envelope with your company details for the addressee, so the returned papers should be pretty easy to identify.

If there is anything I can do personally to assist you with your understanding of the overall process, please do not hesitate to contact me. Though I'm sometimes hard to get on the telephone in the day, I respond well to faxes, and I can always be reached at my home number in the evenings.

Yours sincerely

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