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The Executive Secretary  
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Dear sir,

**re: AFB PMS - Board of Inquiry**

I was pleased to hear of the favourable response the NBA received from the Associate Minister of Agriculture regarding the need to hold a Board of Inquiry before proceeding with the implementation of the NPMS for AFB eradication in NZ.

This is a major achievement in the long process of ensuring that our industry has adequate bee disease protection mechanisms in place in the future, especially with the impending demise of the Apiaries Act in 1998.

However, I was disturbed to learn in the past few days that a suggestion has been made by or to the NBA Executive, that a Board of Inquiry should now be held anyway, regardless of the Ministerial decision not to do so.

Could you please provide me with confirmation or otherwise that this suggestion has been made, and if so, by whom ?

I would be particularly interested to receive any information which can explain the rationale behind this suggestion, if it is being made, as I was always under the impression that the Association wished to avoid such an inquiry in view of the cost in time and resources which would result.

I look forward to your early response, and whatever information you can supply on this situation.

Yours sincerely,

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