

Mr. G.V. Fraser,
General Secretary,
National Beekeepers' Association
of N.Z. Inc.,
P.O. Box 19,
ROXTON.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of 30th October regarding powers under the Apiaries Act in dealing with diseased apiaries. My letter of 3rd August, 1950, addressed to you regarding this matter may be ambiguous. From a legal point of view it was inferred that when disease was found in a grossly neglected apiary it would be present throughout the apiary and therefore all hives could be destroyed.

The powers of an Apiary Instructor as an Inspector to destroy bees are governed by Section 9 Subsection (1)(c) of the Apiaries Act, 1927, and therefore the Inspector only has power to destroy those hives in which he actually finds disease.

I appreciate the point of view of your Association in this matter but before I would give consideration to the proposal it would be necessary for me to have your assurance that your request has the support of a large majority of the beekeepers.

J.S.
Yours faithfully,

Minister of Agriculture.

Amelia King
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