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Dear Sirs

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The Local Board Area – Rodney Board Area

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**Submission to the Unitary Plan**

- 1. Definitions – for Beekeeping & Apiaries
- 2. Location of Apiaries
- 3. Wineries

**The reasons for our views are:**

The definitions are inadequate on the above. Wineries & Beekeeping are not defined when they should be.

The location of beehives are a great concern. They are appropriate in the rural production and 'Mixed Rural' area, but not in the urbanised areas.

Where hives (3 or more box sections) occur, they need to be 200 metres from the urban Zone and Countryside Live areas.

The reason is that congregation of bees have a 'flight Path' when they leave the hive to gather pollen. They eat spent wax and other waste and then dispose of the waste whilst in the air.

The excrement covers buildings, cars, windows and washing. Being a wax it cannot be removed by normal washing. Houses need chemical wash and vehicles need extremely hot water.

The excrement is a nuisance that is not acceptable in an urban area.

**We seek the following decision from Council**

- 1. A definition of Apiaries & Beekeeping, be included in the Unitary Plan definition. | 1
- 2. The Beekeeping in 'Mixed Rural' & Rural production, only as a permitted use. |
- 3. That in 'Countryside Living' & Urban Zone, the hives be located 200 metres from those zones to avoid the nuisance. | 2.
- 4. That under those limited they be restrictive discretionary |
- 5. The 'Wineries' be defined in the Unitary Plan | 13

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**We wish to be heard in support of the Submission:**

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