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SUBMISSION

TO: Environment Committee
FROM: Apiculture New Zealand
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Apiculture NZ represents the interests of beekeepers in New Zealand. Beekeeping is one of New Zealand's fastest growing export enterprises and presently supplying the world with very high value honey products.

Apiculture New Zealand notes that while 'forest land' and 'forest species' defined in the Act are not subject to change in this Amendment, we urge the Committee to re-consider the definitions in light of the bill's intention to increase the removal of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, discourage deforestation and encourage afforestation.

The definition under the Act states a forest species means a tree species is capable of reaching at least 5 metres in height at maturity in the place where it is located.

We believe the Committee should reconsider the 5 metre height condition, which would enable manuka plantations to fall under the forest land and forest species definition.

We do not wish to speak to this submission.