

Emailed submission – Kiwifruit growers, Northern NSW

Kay and Ian Smith, Karangi NSW

Dear Robyn,

With reference to our phone calls and email regarding the use of Lebaycid (Fenthion) on kiwifruit with inedible skins we would like to make a submission on behalf of ourselves and another two kiwifruit growers in this area who produce approx 60 tons of fruit with young vines yet to reach full production.

We request that the APVMA have a phase out period of at least twelve months from the review date of 22/8/2014 to give us time to trial another product that can replace Lebaycid to control Qld fruit fly. We are totally against post harvest dipping of our fruit as it poses a health hazard to persons handling and packing the fruit.

We have been growing kiwifruit at Karangi commercially for over thirty years. We use Lebaycid as a cover spray from the end of January to early March (4-5 sprays depending on weather conditions) to control fruit fly. During this time there have been birds nesting in our vines and we do not spray when there is bee activity. As we belong to Freshcare we have to submit our fruit every year for a residue test. Our records show a level of 0.01 for fenthion - well below the allowable level.

It would be appreciated if you would favourably consider this submission.

I.R. & K.F. Smith.

Email dated: 28 June 2014