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SUBMISSION FOR FENTHION REVIEW

I write this submission to the Fenthion review currently being undertaken by the APVMA on behalf of a number of my constituents who are grape growers in the Swan Valley region in Western Australia.

I am advised that unlike other fruit growers who have access to other pesticide options to protect their produce, at present grape growers do not have any alternative to Fenthion to protect their vines from fruit fly. This makes any suspension or ban on the use of Fenthion particularly difficult for the grape growing industry.

I understand that grape growers of Western Australia are asking for a phased removal of Fenthion to allow producers time to trial other methods to protect their crops from fruit fly. I urge you to take the concerns of the grape growers of Western Australia seriously, and ask that the review's findings make special consideration for the particular circumstances of the industry.

Warm regards,

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