

AUSTRALIAN HONEY BEE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

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INDUSTRY OVERVIEW.

Australian Honeybee Industry Council is the Peak Industry Body representing the Australian Apiculture (Beekeeping) Industry. AHBIC appreciates the opportunity to submit on this important Committee Inquiry into growing Australian Agriculture to \$100 billion by 2030.

We make the following key points.

- Honeybees are a vitally important part of food production and therefore food security.
- Many food crops are dependent on Honeybees for pollination, the dollar value is forecast to be in the billions Australia wide.
- Just one example is the Almond Industry, with a \$1 billion farm gate value.
No Bees-No Almonds.
- If Australia is to achieve the 100 billion target, healthy honeybees will be a critical component.

AHBIC looks forward to being part of this inquiry and assisting wherever possible.

Regards,

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