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Subject: Legistrative Council Goverment Administrative Committee 'B' Sub Committee
Inquiry Into Blueberry Rust

Dear Members of the Committee,

1- There needs to be certainty in Biosecurity in regards to the recent outbreak of Blueberry Rust in Tasmania. Changing from eradication to control clearly breaches this certainty.

2- Eradication policy re Blueberry Rust of biosecurity was a certainty that we as a small boutique business included in our business plan.

3- Clearly there will adverse consequences in particular out of State markets not accepting fruit from a Blueberry Rust place. Many business will fail that rely on these markets.

4- Changes of the rules mid-stream compromises the role of Biosecurity in Tasmania.

5- As a small boutique Blueberry farm of some 2,300, thirty seven year old bushes,

- Regular customers have asked "Is the fruit ok to eat" now that we have to live with Blueberry Rust.
- Some customers have expressed that they might not want the fruit due to the "lcky" factor of a accepted fruit disease in Tasmania
- Clean and Green and not to mention very tasty is our number one asset by a country mile. The Tasmanian Goverment has to and must fiercely protect this asset.