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GreenView: 97 per cent support Ontario's plan to restrict bee-killing pesticides

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Close to 50,000 comments submitted during public consultation process

TORONTO – [Ontario's proposal to restrict bee-killing pesticides](#) received an overwhelmingly positive response from the public. Close to 50,000 comments were submitted during the official consultation on Ontario's pollinator health proposal last month. Approximately 97 per cent favoured government [action](#) to restrict the use and sale of neonics.

"We know there is sound science and strong public support behind protecting pollinators with tough, timely action on neonics, but to see this level of [participation](#) and near-consensus in public comments is extraordinary," said Lisa Gue, senior researcher and analyst with the David Suzuki Foundation.

Ontario is proposing North America's first regulatory restrictions on neonicotinoid pesticides. Scientific studies have linked these pesticides to high death rates in honeybees, as well as a range of harmful effects on birds, butterflies, bumblebees and earthworms, among other species. On November 25, 2014, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs invited public comments on a pollinator health proposal that includes regulations to reduce the use of neonic-treated corn and soybean seeds by 80 per cent. The proposal was posted on Ontario's Environmental Registry for a 60-day comment period, which concluded January 25, 2015.

"[The government invited feedback](#) on its proposal to restrict neonics, and the response is loud and clear: Ontario should not delay [action](#) to protect the health of bees," said Tibor Szabo, president of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association.

[The strong public response is consistent with earlier polling results](#), which showed strong support for restricting neonics. A poll conducted by Oracle Research in December 2014 for Friends of the Earth Canada, the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, and the Ontario Beekeepers' Association found nearly eight out of 10 Ontarians believe the proposal for new regulations is on the right track.

Last June, the international [Task Force on Systemic Pesticides](#) completed a comprehensive meta-analysis of hundreds of scientific studies examining the ecological effects of neonics. It concluded that neonics threaten not just honeybees but also native bee populations and a large number of species that contribute to pollination, soil health and biological pest control. Last year, the European Commission placed a moratorium on certain uses of neonics to protect the environment. Ontario's proposed regulations would take effect July 1, 2015.

A second round of public consultation will take place this spring with the publication of draft regulations.

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NORAHG RESPONDS AGAINST FRIENDS OF THE EARTH & DAVID SUZUKI — THEIR FRAUDULENT USE OF NON-EXPERT TASK FORCE ASSESSMENT

Friends of the Earth and David Suzuki are DECEIVING the public about neonicotinoid insecticides. The IUCN assessment is merely an amateurish attempt to perform pesticide research. The IUCN assessment has been discredited since its finding could not even be published in any peer-reviewed and legitimate scientific journal. On June 24th, 2014, a non-expert assessment by International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN, a.k.a. Task Force On Systemic Pesticides), a pesticide-hating lobby-organization, alleged that neonicotinoid insecticides MAY be harming a range of species and MAY be responsible for so-called bee colony collapse disorder. This assessment by IUCN has been DISCREDITED, but, unfortunately has been FRAUDULENTLY USED by

pesticide-hating fanatics in their conspiracy to recklessly and arbitrarily impose prohibition against neonicotinoid insecticides ! <http://wp.me/p1jq40-86b> IUCN's reckless and arbitrary demands to prohibit against neonicotinoid insecticides will not resolve so-called bee colony collapse disorder, and will not help bee-keepers with their pest problems. The fraudulent mis-use of the non-expert IUCN report is designed to alarm and enrage the public into arriving at inappropriate conclusions about neonicotinoid insecticides. The non-expert IUCN report concocts the story that there is some kind of bee crisis. There is no bee crisis. Clearly, the principal mandate of IUCN has been to attract more members, more donations, and more profit by scamming the public with the concoction of fraudulent lies and imaginary danger about neonicotinoid insecticides. There is a growing and conclusive body of evidence about IUCN squandering and misappropriating its public donations on subversive and partisan anti-pesticide conspiracies. There is also conclusive evidence that IUCN is interfering with partisan politics, and is in violation of taxation laws in several jurisdictions. Consequently, IUCN does not deserve any donations or support. Nor does it deserve a charity tax-exempt status. Scientific research shows, as reported through EPA's and Health Canada's vast scientific database, that no harm will occur to bees when neonicotinoid insecticides are used properly. There is no bee crisis. Science and statistics do not support IUCN's reckless and arbitrary demands to prohibit against neonicotinoid insecticides. There are no IUCN activists who have any background, training, or education in matters concerning neonicotinoid insecticides. Any IUCN opinion is valueless and worthless. If we had less conventional neonicotinoid use in the environment, we would still have bee colony collapse disorder, because many bee-keepers are not competent to manage their hives. The whole truth about neonicotinoid insecticides can be found at ... <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2BA> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6WJ> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6H8> The whole truth about IUCN can be found in the following report ... <http://wp.me/p1jq40-85q> We are the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that conspire to destroy the Green space and other industries (NORAH G). As a non-profit and independent organization, we are dedicated to reporting about PESTICIDE-HATING FANATICS, as well as the work of RESPECTED and HIGHLY RATED EXPERTS who promote ENVIRONMENTAL REALISM and PESTICIDE TRUTHS. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-8DV> Get the latest details at <http://pesticidetruths.com/> <http://pesticidetruths.com/toc...> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr> <https://www.facebook.com/norah...> WILLIAM H GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G

The Conspiracy To Impose Reckless And Arbitrary Prohibition Against
Neonicotinoid Insecticides Used In The Agriculture Industry By Anti-Pesticide
Lobbying Bee Keepers And Activists Who Are Motivated By Mere Profit And Greed

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