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Respected Sir/Madam

My name is Jabbar Ali Khan and i did my Bsc Bachelor of Science Agriculture Honours degree in Pakistan major in Entomology, study of insects. I am working in Australia as an Agronomist and grower consultant, after three years working for different Horticultural companies and growers, now i am employed fulltime at Battunga Orchard in Warragul Victoria, is a producer of high quality apples grown in a high density orchard system covering 150 hectares. My job is monitoring insects pest and disease level that impact on apple production.

This is the time for action and to listen to the voice of the apple growers to the higher authorities. The people of Victoria have been invited to write and express their comments about the big issues relating to apple imports from Newzealand.

This is the story which is very important to understand, not just read the letter and put it into a folder. just consider this letter as an important input from a person who works hard for his country, community and family. I am working to provide change in fruit industry to produce first class good quality fruit. I am deeply concerned about the important issue of relaxing quarantine restrictions regulating the entry into Australia of the dangerous diseases (FIREBLIGHT and CANKER) and insect pest (APPLE LEAF CURLING MIDGE). I am very concerned that, if these organisms get into Australia, they will be very destructive and could have a devastating effect on our states as a nation that produces insect pest and disease free fruit.

Some years from now, we will have the opportunity to look at the result of the decision, that is about to be made. As an employee working in the apple industry, i urge you to keep the level of Biosecurity at the highest to protect our fruit industry. Thanky you for considering my inputs.

JABBAR (BATTUNGA)