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I have studied the risk assessment draft as closely as a non scientist is able , I have been un-able to find very much detailed information as to the risk to Pear Growers in Australia. In fact reference to Pears is extremely scant .

I find this distressing, as the consequences of a fire blight infestation to a pear grower are far more significant than an Apple grower . The report does at least allured to this fact. However while the report goes into great detail as to the control measures NZ growers use to control fire blight on Apples , no mention was found by this grower for control measures on Pears.

Maybe this fact can be explained by the mentioned figures of pear production in NZ at 4.7% of Apple production . Can Bio-Security explain to this grower why there are so few pears grown in NZ , and where those pears are grown in NZ.

I call on behalf of the Tasmanian Pear Industry for a further risk assessment to be done focusing entirely on the risk to the Australian Pear Industry of the infestation of fire blight in Australia. Using your risk matrix I would expect the result to be very different .

Sincerely Scott Hansen