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Dear Ms Charles *Nicola*

Thank you for your email of 25 September 2013 requesting a letter confirming the presence of manuka honey in Tasmania, I am responding on behalf of Minister Bryan Green.

I can confirm that manuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*) is native to Tasmania and is found across much of the state. Manuka honey is produced in Tasmania on a commercial scale and is a growing part of the Tasmanian honey industry's product range.

A 2009 study by the Rural Industry Research and Development Corporation, *The Field Guide to Tasmanian Native Flora Accessed by Honeybees*, mapped the distribution of manuka tea tree across Tasmania. The study found that while leatherwood honey makes up the greatest proportion of honey produced in Tasmania, Tasmanian Bluegum, Prickly Box and Tea Tree species consistently produce sizeable commercial honey flows.

The Tasmanian Government continues to be supportive of the local honey industry and commends Blue Hills Honey on its efforts to build the market for Tasmanian manuka honey.

I wish you all the best in your efforts to gain greater access into the Singapore market.

Yours sincerely

Hon David O'Byrne MP  
**Minister for Economic Development**