AHBIC Media Statement - 2 October 2018

The Australian beekeeping industry is a small industry with a big impact. The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) takes the quality and safety of Australian honey very seriously. Australian honey is renowned globally for its high quality and unique diversity of characteristics.

AHBIC has recently been made aware of a report compiled by a PhD Student at Macquarie University that indicates adulteration of international and Australian honey. We understand that samples of honey have been gathered and tested for C4 sugar adulteration.

AHBIC has not yet seen any detail of the report but is keen to analyse it and understand the details of the report. The Australian beekeeping community is a hardworking industry who will always take on board new information and new science in order to continue to build its reputation as a high quality producer of pure honey.

AHBIC will meet as an industry once the report is available to discuss and agree to actions to fully ensure the high quality of Australian honey. It will determine if any additional beekeeper training on good beekeeping practices is required as a result of the information contained within the report.

Australian consumers should feel confident in buying Australian honey.