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**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 August 2019 12:54 p.m.

**To:** Plant Variety Rights Act Review

**Subject:** Re: Reminder: Submissions on NZ's Plant Variety Rights (PVR) regime are closing soon

Kia ora koutou,

I have submitted before on this Act Review. My name is Emily Tuhi-Ao Bailey. Ko Taranaki te maunga. Ko Ngāti Mutunga, ko Te Atiawa, ko Taranaki ōku iwi. I am an ecologist, environmental educator and an organic gardener at Parihaka Pā.

I want to say that the proposed options as written in Lynel Tuffery's report seem better, yes, than what we currently have but essentially I disagree with the PVR Act entirely anyway. Humans have bred plants for millennia. We did it to improve our food and medicines etc as all species do through natural selection processes. The PVR Act just smacks of selfish personal gain on top of what our tupuna and other species did. I have friends with PVRs so I don't say this lightly. I am all respectful for those who have taken the time and effort to breed 'better' plants but I believe that if you want reward for this work then get it during the development stage by way of research and development funding or through the internal reward of knowing you helped create something new but don't expect to have a type of ownership right that allows you to profit on future sales of your variety. It just doesn't seem tika. Ownership of a plant variety is a modern domineering human concept over other species that does not fit with taiao just as my parents do not own me and cannot make profit out of having made me. It would be better for the planet if the whole act were thrown out and we turned away from these quite nutty concepts of ownership of other beings.

Ngā mihi,  
E. Bailey.