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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**TURNERS AND GROWERS PRESENTS POSITION PAPER TO GOVERNMENT**

Turners & Growers, has presented the Government with a position paper which discusses Zespri and its export monopoly. We believe it is time the privileged structure is done away with in order that New Zealanders can freely trade their produce on an international basis without restriction.

Zespri is the last New Zealand monopoly to exist and has in our view, abused its privileged position at the expense of New Zealand Inc.

The position paper as presented to Government discusses a long list of grievances in which we believe Zespri has acted unlawfully and has disregarded the rules that govern its structure.

The grievances include purported collaborative marketing; the dumping of fruit; the branding of Chilean fruit Zespri; loyalty agreements and the abuse of power.

We believe New Zealand kiwifruit growers will be appalled to learn that Zespri is building an international empire, designed to survive deregulation, on the backs of their labour.

Turners & Growers have today released the documents “Releasing the Economic Potential of the New Zealand Kiwifruit Industry” position paper to Government coupled with an economic report written by NERA the economic consultants.

These documents are freely available on [www.turnersandgrowers.com](http://www.turnersandgrowers.com).

We urge all growers to peruse these documents and suggest at the very least they read the Executive Summary.

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