



THE KIWIFRUIT CLAIM

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ZESPRI PROFIT GOOD FOR SOME BUT NOT ALL

It's good news that those Zespri suppliers who survived the 2010 Psa-v outbreak are benefiting from Zespri's record profit of \$35.8 million over the last year, The Kiwifruit Claim said today.

However, The Kiwifruit Claim said it was "cold comfort" for those whose livelihoods had been completely destroyed in 2010 by what The Kiwifruit Claim alleges was negligence from Biosecurity New Zealand, now part of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).

Even for those Zespri suppliers whose businesses survived 2010 and the \$885 million of losses as a result of Psa-v, today's announcement does not make up for the government's alleged failings.

"If your house is burgled because your locksmith is negligent, it makes no difference that you manage to get back on your feet a few years later," spokesman Matthew Hooton said. "You still deserve justice for what you and your family went through in the meantime."

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