



Terms and Conditions for Hive Splits

These are Terms and Conditions for engaging A Green Soul Native Bees in splitting Australian Native Bee Hives.

Risks:

1. Splitting of Australian native bee hives is generally an efficient and effective way to propagate hives but there are risks that mean you may lose one or both of your hives.
2. Risks include pest attack, hives not-requeening, and hives not being ready to split.
3. To mitigate these risks I will:
 - a. Only split hives that are ready
 - i. at least 60 bee movements in or out per minute on a warm day
 - ii. at least one year since the previous split
 - iii. for 3 level 25mm hoop pine box at least 7.5kg in weight
 - b. Tape joins to stop the Syrphid Fly laying eggs in the cracks of a fresh split.
 - c. Apply propolis around the entrance of the new base to restrict access by Phorid Fly.
 - d. Provide a Phorid Fly trap where I deem there may be a higher risk of attack.
 - e. Ensure there are queen cells available for re-queening.
4. If possible, I recommend splits be kept together for at least one month after the split to assist with recovery, but this is not mandatory.

Fees:

5. My fees to split a hive are \$100 for labour/travel/extras. This covers up to 2 hives in the one location. Each additional hive in the same location will attract a fee of \$40. I can provide empty boxes, roofs and stands for additional cost.
6. If you provide me with accurate information about your hive and I agree to the visit, but determine upon opening the hive that it is not ready, there will be no charge.

Honey Harvesting:

7. I am prepared to harvest honey from a honey super for no extra charge, if there is honey available. However, I will not put the harvested honey super back on the hive to limit the risk of honey leaking and attracting pests. I am happy to swap the super for a new honey super or you are able to purchase an extra one from me.

Warranties:

8. I provide a limited warranty on my splits as follows:
 - a. If one hive dies within 6 months after the split, and the death has resulted from an unsuccessful split, I will provide a free subsequent split (service fee only).
 - b. If both hives die within 6 months after the split, and the deaths have resulted from an unsuccessful split, I will recolonise one of your hives free of charge.

Responsibilities:

9. My responsibilities:
 - a. To provide a professional hive split service and answer any questions you may have.
 - b. Be on time or advise if running late.
 - c. Mitigate risks as best I can.
 - d. Respond to concerns and questions.
10. Your responsibilities:
 - a. Provide accurate information regarding your hive – weight, age, bee activity.
 - b. Pay for the service on the day of the split (educational facilities excluded).
 - c. Monitor the hives after the split and contact me with any concerns.