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Project Officer Application A1154  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Application A1154 Food derived from insect-protected cotton line MON88702- call for submissions**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application/proposal. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has the following comments to make.

MPI supports option 1, that is for FSANZ to prepare a draft variation to schedule 26 of the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*, to permit food derived from insect-protected cotton line MON88702.

We note that no public health and safety concerns have been identified and that food derived from this cotton line is considered to be as safe for human consumption as food derived from conventional cotton varieties.

Yours sincerely

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