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I am in agreement with the proposal as a consumer of raw milk cheese, a supporter of Australian artisan cheese producers and as an individual who aims to one day produce raw milk cheese in Australia.

I worked previously in the UK and here in Australia as an employee of retailers of raw milk cheese (here only international cheese). I am keen to see the cheese industry here further its reputation globally by giving the producers the opportunity to express the unique terroir flavours here through raw milk cheese. I am familiar with the European cheese industry and feel Australia should have the opportunity to stand next to their iconic raw milk cheese. I am particularly interested in how the proposal will tackle how to support dairies to establish themselves and comply to their local regulator demands. It is difficult to expect all regulators to be educated in handling raw milk and a central reference guide may prove useful. In the UK they have a single person who is specialised and can be a reference for both cheese makers and regulators to contact. Perhaps this would be a good point of contact role that should be within this proposal.

I will be very interested in the developments of this proposal and in agreement with the approach to monitor and aid cheese makers from the animal health to the final product.

With best wishes,

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