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To whom it concerns,

I strongly oppose changes to the Food Code that would allow a wide range of GM foods.

I want to know where, how and what is on my food without worrying about companies manipulating my food with genetics (decisions based on volume and not quality/nutrients), adding toxins and other corner cutting ventures to maximize company profits at the cost of humanity.

I am deeply concerned that FSANZ has relied on advice from scientists with serious conflicts of interest, to conclude these new GM foods pose no greater risks than existing foods. Those seeking to commercialise GM plants, animals and microbes should play no role in deciding how - or even whether - foods derived from them should be regulated.

The proposed changes would make Australia one of very few countries in the world to allow genetically modified animal products into our food chain with no regulation or labelling. This would put us at odds with our international trading partners, which FSANZ admits "may have a significant impact on trade". The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, an international agreement signed by 166 governments worldwide, and the UN's food standards body Codex Alimentarius agree that all GM techniques differ from conventional breeding and that pre-market safety assessments are essential before GM organisms are used in food.

I support expanding the definition for 'gene technology' so FSANZ continues to assess and regulate all techniques and methods of genetic modification, other than conventional breeding. The proposal to deregulate new and emerging GM techniques and their food products, which pose new and unassessed risks, is completely unacceptable.

I am deeply sadden we even need to partition to sustain the right to eat safe food. Have companies who I thought were run by people lost their mind? Do they not value family and friends health over the importance of making a buck?

Thank you for taking my well-founded and informed concerns into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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