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To whom it concerns,

I could just send the preformed email that's been carefully crafted to make my life easy but this is something that's worth more than a couple of clicks on my part. To demonstrate my outrage against this proposal, I'm taking the time to express in my own word how concerning it is that something like this is even being considered.

Let's talk cost of health care, environmental implications and the removal of informed choice. Let's consider independent reviews, true governance and application of common sense. Let's put aside commerce and the path of least resistance in favour of what's right.

Remember that what is right is often not what is easy.

In case it is not already clear, I strongly oppose changes to the Food Code that would allow a wide range of GM foods, made to be sold without safety assessment or labelling. These changes would undermine FSANZ's key responsibilities to ensure food safety and our right to know what is in our food.

Food quality is inextricably linked to health. 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. Let us not be known for stupidity. Instead, how about we take the path that has served the medical profession well for hundreds of years? I propose we adopt the "First do no harm" principle and, rather, expand the definition for 'gene technology' so FSANZ continues to assess and regulate all techniques and methods of genetic modification, other than conventional lifecycle breeding.

Thank you for taking the time to consider logic and reason. I trust you will make the right choice. The choice that protects us and future generations to make informed decisions on what we put in our bodies. The decision that ensures we can all choose for ourselves.

Yours sincerely,

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