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SUBMISSION REGARDING RAW MILK PRODUCTS

As a Health Professional who over the years has had clients with allergy problems, behavioural problems and bone or joint problems, I wish to encourage the use of **safe raw milk** in the community, especially making it available to children up to the age of 7. The calcium in raw milk is far more readily absorbed by the human body. People with allergy problems seem to be able to handle raw milk far more than pasteurised milk. The better calcium source of raw milk can calm a person down more and reduce behavioural problems and fidgeting.

The Federal Government would save millions of dollars a year if the better calcium source of raw milk was used to strengthen bones and joints, saving repairs. Hip replacements cost roughly \$50,000 each, but if the surgical neck of the femur was built more strongly as a child using excellent calcium (and other nutrients) available in raw milk, people would have less breakages.

I would prefer to see General Practitioners prescribing raw milk to children than having to solve nutritional problems down the track. It would need to be safe, fresh raw milk. Technology in the 21st Century takes away the need to pasteurise milk as it can reach the consumer so quickly.

Raw milk needs to be available AS A CHOICE for people who are well informed about nutrition.

Yours sincerely,

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