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Please listen to the voices of a rapidly growing segment of Australians who are desperate to turn the tide on the declining health of young Australians. We need raw milk and raw milk products to keep our children healthy.

There is no substitute for raw milk and its health sustaining properties. There has been much written evidence to this end, but I actually have my own REAL experience. Last winter my family and I had the healthiest winter ever and at the time we were able to access raw milk and drank 6-8 litres of it a week. This winter we have been unable to source raw milk and we seem to have picked up every bug going around. Raw milk needs to be made legal to trade for the health of my family.

I am aware of the so called "risks" associated with raw milk sales, though I believe that these risks will be minimised by a hygiene standard that the dairy's supplying raw milk and its products will need to adhere to. At worst, we put a warning label on cigarettes, why not the same for raw milk. But how ridiculous to make raw milk illegal, yet I can still buy cigarettes, despite their health warnings!!! It just does not make sense, we are talking about a whole food, real food!...and yet it is not available to me. I am prevented from making a healthy choice for my family. But hey, lets go to the pharmacy and buy all the synthetic drugs we need to fix the health problems we have because the choice for disease prevention has been taken from us. Whole foods, including raw milk are the necessary ingredients for health.

I simply ask you consider my plea for healths sake!!!!

Sincerely,
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