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Hello Food Standards Regualtors,

I wish to be heard and I wish to have choice.

I am registering my support for raw milk, and raw milk products, being readily available to be sold and purchased in Australia, just the same as treated milk, as fast as you can approve it. From previous farming experience and having house cows, when comparing products labeled "milk" that can be currently purchased in the mainstream food system, there is no comparison to fresh, real, raw milk from healthy cows. Raw milk is the finest quality milk in the country and contrived regulations say it is an offence to sell it. This is bureaucratic madness.

Raw milk is one of the best, health bolstering, immune-building, natural foods that can be eaten, and has not been interfered with and industrialized by man. There is also no comparison with taste between rich, raw milk and the bland, modified product that that is passed off by the mega milk producers.

As a consumer, I look forward to being able to purchase raw milk as part of my healthy eating program. The only reason that I can see for not having raw milk available on the shelves is to protect the vested interests of the mega milk producers who have the political influence to block competition from a superior product.

Additionally, as the world happens to be heading towards climate catastrophe, there are many consumers like myself who morally want to support small farmers supplying milk locally, and assist these small farmers financially by buying direct from them. IT MAKES SENSE!

Milk needs pasteurizing when it comes from unhealthy cows. If this is how the mega milk producers manage their herds, pasteurization is a necessity to combat contaminated milk that they put up for sale so that they do not spread disease, give me raw milk from a small producer with well cared for healthy cows as a matter of urgency. Over-processing, over-regulation over the top "manufactured" milk products fail to provide the nutrition of raw milk. Raw milk is not nutritionally destroyed by pasteurizing heat treatment, nor is it obliterated by homogenization, nor refined by having parts of it removed or "enhanced". After these treatments, it is no longer milk.

Milk production is not all about quantity. I am more interested in quality. In particular, organic or biodynamic whole, raw milk is at the top of the tree.

I am another consumer who does not need or want false "protection" from highly refined, de-natured foods, and the health consequences of eating junk food, simply because the current regulations benefit corporate mega milk interests, their political lobbyists careers, and the current, unhealthy business monopolies in the market place. I want the real deal, not a pale imitation of milk. Take a look around. Things are changing. Bigger is not automatically better. One size does not fit all.

Please make raw milk available for all the people who choose to consume it. We know what we

want. Wake up.

Regards,

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