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Dear recipient at FSANZ
Herewith I make the following submission to the proposal for review of A 1261:

The increase of the maximum level of irradiation intensity must not be included.
Irradiation of food causes damages to a certain degree of cells in the food. The nature of these damages are completely random.
Evidence that has been published indicating that these damages have only minimal adverse effect on the health of the people comes from institutions which were engaged by companies or institutions that have a commercial interest in the advancement of food irradiation. Reliable evidence that irradiation is not harmful for the consumer of the irradiated food does not exist.
Better appearance and longer shelf life of the food is only an external property, far less essential than the health quality of the food. There for one cannot offset the benefit of one against the (health) cost of the other; they differ in importance in an order of magnitude / weight.
To further allow the increase of damage to the food from irradiation is not responsible. FSANZ must act in the best interest of the people. The commercial interest comes second.

Another point is that labelling of irradiated food must be clearly visible.
As consumer I have concern that up to now I have only exceptionally seen foods labelled as irradiated.
The standard must make it clearer that labelling is required.
The standard must there for prescribe that an active framework is put in place to punish food distributors that do not follow the directive to label irradiated food.

I send this submission in my capacity of concerned consumer.

Yours faithfully,

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