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Subject: Submission on NBT consultation paper

Dear Sir or Madam,
Please substitute my amended submission for that sent previously.
Thank you,
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Submission: Food Derived Using New Breeding Techniques:

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Statement: I make this submission on my own behalf and do not represent any organisation, group, association or party.

Submission

There appears to be no requirement for the persons within FSANZ, or appointed to work with/for FSANZ to consider the matter of food derived from new breeding techniques, to declare any conflict of interests, especially with regard to any direct or indirect financial and/or employment interests in the GE and new breeding techniques industries, and to promptly remove themselves from the deliberation and decision-making processes as a result of any such conflicts.

In the absence of any such requirement, the value of any recommendations to the Australian and New Zealand governments, regarding the regulation of new breeding techniques, including those captured by the term GE (Genetic Engineering), must be considered biased, incomplete, manufactured, null and void.

Therefore I request that, all persons considering the matter must be required to publicly state all and any conflict of interest issues, including the direct and indirect financial and employment interests referred to above, and if any such conflicts exist, to remove themselves forthwith from the process.

Furthermore, I personally strongly object to New Zealand's food standards being determined by Australia, since NZ is accorded only the status of an Australian state in FSANZ's makeup, and I call for equal representation with the nation of Australia, or better, a separate New Zealand food safety assessment entity.



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