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### **FSANZ: Applications and Submissions - Submission**

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- 1. Assessment Report Number:** A1081
- 2. Assessment Report Title:** FOOD DERIVED FROM HERBICIDE-TOLERANT SOYBEAN SYHTOH2
- 3. Organisation Name:**
- 4. Organisation Type:** Individual
- 5. Representing:** SELF

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**12. Submission Text:** My main reason for opposing the introduction of Herbicide Tolerant soybean event SYHTOH2 is the fact that we are hearing many more negative reports about the long term effects of these types of GMO products. I feel, that until such time as PROPER UNBIASED testing has been conducted on them, we should not allow them into our food chain. The application mentions that imports from overseas will contain the product in question - so, don't allow them. Simple. Other countries are starting to listen to what the people of their country want, it's about time that Australia did the same thing. We don't need to be the Little America. Following, is a cut-and-paste from some-one else who has sent in a submission. He is a lot more knowledgeable than I am in this regard so, with his permission, I am using his words as part of my submission. I am writing to express my concern about the introduction of foods containing GM soybean products into the Australian food supply. Genetically modified foods have never been proven to be safe for human consumption in any long term study. This is a fact and not simply my opinion. The famous geneticist David Suzuki explains this very well here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mBF1OOPdTo> You'll notice that the author of the Safety Assessment document in the application has chosen their words very carefully. For example they have written: "Soybean derived products have a range of food and feed as well as industrial uses and have a long history of safe use for both humans and livestock" Notice they use the term "Soybean" NOT "GM Soybean" or "Soybean line SYHTOH2". Of

course soybeans are safe to eat, but GM soybeans have never been proven to be safe, hence the author can't make that claim and instead refers to soybeans in general. The Safety Assessment document is very technical but does not even once mention any long term human testing. This is because there has been none. While the long term effects of eating GM foods are unknown, exposing the Australian public to this potential health hazard would be reckless and necessary. Please put the health of the Australian public first and do not allow GM soybean products to enter the Australian Food Supply.

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