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Hello,

Our comments on A1193 Irradiation of all fresh fruit and vegetables:

We don't want all our "fresh" fruits and vegetables to be irradiated.

- Irradiation of fruit and vegetables would adversely affect the nutritional value and safety of significant components of the ANZ food supplies.
- Combined with fruits and vegetables already approved for irradiation, this proposal would constitute a major reduction in the nutritional value and safety of the human food supply.
- Irradiated pet food was responsible for the death and injury of a significant number of cats in Australia, leading to its ban. Until the mechanisms of these adverse health impacts are fully explored and understood, and negative impacts on humans and other species are absolutely ruled out, no irradiated foods should be allowed to enter the human food supply.
- The nutritional and safety assessment process lacks scientific rigor, relying heavily on unpublished – non-peer-reviewed research submitted by the applicant.
- FSANZ also ignores the numerous alternatives to irradiation that exist for achieving the stated phytosanitary goals.

We call on FSANZ to reject A1193 on the following grounds:

- the safety and nutritional integrity of irradiated foods is not established;
- the technological need for this irradiation has not been established;
- irradiation is not the only effective option for fruit fly control that exists or is used now;
- the assessment has no cost/benefit analysis of other phytosanitary measures;

As a matter of urgency, and in the public interest, we call on FSANZ to:

- **Decline approval for the irradiation of all fresh fruit and vegetables**
- **Refuse any further irradiation approvals and to**
- **Cancel all previous irradiation approvals.**

Kind Regards,

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