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I oppose the Irradiation of fresh fruit and vegetables-

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 Queensland government has a clear conflict of interest by being both the applicant for A1092 and, as a member of the Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation, being one of the final arbiters of the decision on its own application.

The nutritional and safety assessment process lacks scientific rigour, relying heavily on unpublished – non-peer-reviewed research submitted by the applicant

Labelling requirements are weak and there is no way to visually distinguish between irradiated and non-irradiated foods. Thus shoppers depend on the integrity and comprehensiveness of irradiation labelling.

As there is no simple, reliable and affordable test for irradiated foods, it is difficult for state and local authorities to monitor them in the marketplace and to enforce the labelling requirements.

Despite the assessment's claims that the public has the right to know and decide what foods to buy, the future labelling of all irradiated foods is not assured, as the Forum has commissioned FSANZ to review (with the intention of terminating) all labelling requirements on irradiated food products. The "review" is expected to commence this year (2014).

Signed,  
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