

Submission RE:A1193: Irradiation as a phytosanitary measure for all fresh fruit and vegetables.

I find it outrageous that the public submission time was shortened and that this important issue has been left to the month of December as people are busy with holiday preparations now. Please extend the time for submissions so due process may be followed.

I purchase as much organic fruit and vegetables as I can. Having lost my husband to non-hodgkins lymphoma in 1992 I am keenly aware of the need for a healthy diet, rest and relaxation and physical exercise as important health measures. I believe it is my human right to eat food that has not been treated in such an artificial manner as irradiation.

I also believe that there are no studies of the long -term impacts of eating irradiated foods. I do not use microwave ovens for this reason.

Any decision to irradiate all fresh fruit and vegetables is taking the choice of eating non-irradiated foods away from people. This then puts the responsibility for the long -term consequences of the public's health squarely on the shoulders of the legislators. If I were making such a decision, that would affect my fellow Australians and other nation's citizens, I would want to be 100 percent certain that it was not harmful in the long- term to their health. This means I would have integrity.

I hope the legislators exercise integrity in their decision regarding this issue. I oppose this proposal to irradiate all fruit and vegetables, for my own peace of mind.

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