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Subject: FSANZ Submission Form Received (Internet) - Grey Power Otamatea Inc

	
Application/Proposal Number:	A1198 – Food derived from enhanced yield & herbicide-tolerant corn line DP202216
Organisation Name:	Grey Power Otamatea Inc
Organisation Type:	Other
Representing:	Sectors in our community
Street Address:	[REDACTED]
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Contact Person:	[REDACTED]
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Submission Text:	<p>Our community group is totally opposed to GE modified plant foods, including GE modified corn. Our opposition is based on insufficient voluntary human trials, and finds forced trials on unwitting and/or unwilling populations to be abhorrent. These voluntary trials must extend for at least twenty years, which may still be insufficient time to see adverse health effects on consumers and links to diseases. The fact that this GE modified</p>

plant will be in so many products, making it almost impossible to avoid, is sufficient to deny approval of this application. We see no justification in genetically modifying corn to allow tolerance to a highly contentious and toxic herbicide. In some countries glufosinate and 1080 are regarded as highly toxic and are banned. On those grounds alone, this application should be denied. There is a growing awareness in the public of New Zealand of the toxicity of herbicides so, if or when the New Zealand government becomes as progressive and caring of their populations as governments in many other countries in banning the use of these toxic herbicides, the growing of corn genetically modified to tolerate glufosinate will be academic. However, in the meantime potential damage to human cells may not be reversible. In the interests of keeping our food chain safe, FSANZ must deny this application.