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- 1. Assessment Report Number:** A1039
- 2. Assessment Report Title:** Low THC Hemp as food
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12. Submission Text: I would like to register my support of the approval of low THC hemp for use as food for the following reasons: Australia is lagging behind the rest of the world in recognising Hemp as as food. New Zealand has Hemp oil as a food. After flax, Hemp is the richest source of essential omega 3. Which as government reports show 90% of of school children do not receive enough of. Omega 3 deficieny has been linked to poor mental developement and behavioural problems. Marine sources of omega 3 are diminishing due to overfishing as well as the problem of PCB and mercury contamination. Hemp provides a nutritionaly dense food with ideal ratios of omega 3 and 6, balanced protien, a range of vitamins and minerals in high concentrations. Hemp is the only food that can be grown with a negative carbon footprint. Large scale cultivation could reduce increasing world hunger issues. Hemp foods would introduce a whole new industry to Australia with great potential for improvements in public health and increased employment opportunites. Industrial Hemp is already grown in most Australian states and there is a clear and easily understood difference between Hemp food and other beneficial products of low THC Hemp and the phsychoactive strains which are sought after for recreational use. Truthful education does not send mixed messages about Hemp food.