

I request changes to the Food Code that mandate all GM foods undergo independent rigorous safety assessments and if approved, have full labeling before sale.

Agrochemical companies cannot be trusted to self-assess the safety of GM foods as they have an appalling record of manipulating data to promote dangerous products.

The proposed changes would make Australia one of very few countries in the world to allow genetically modified animal products into our food chain with no regulation or labelling. This would put us at odds with our international trading partners, which FSANZ admits “may have a significant impact on trade”. The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, an international agreement signed by 166 governments worldwide, and the UN’s food standards body Codex Alimentarius agree that all GM techniques differ from conventional breeding and that pre-market safety assessments are essential before GM organisms are used in food.

There is a place for GM, but all GM foods should be independently assessed for their health and environmental hazards and risks, be labelled as GM, and be traceable.

Yours sincerely,