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To whom it concerns,

I don't want to eat genetically modified (GM) foods. All GM foods should be independently assessed for their health and environmental hazards and risks, be labelled as GM, and be traceable. This will allow others & myself to avoid them, especially for health reasons!!!

I strongly oppose changes to the Food Code that would allow a wide range of GM foods, to be sold without safety assessment or labelling - include meat and milk from some genetically modified animals and substances like vanilla and stevia produced by genetically modified microbes in factory vats. These changes would obviously undermine FSANZ's key responsibilities to ensure food safety and our right to know what is in our food.

How can agrochemical companies be trusted to self-assess the safety of GM foods, what a joke!

Gene editing techniques have been found to make genetic changes that could never occur in nature, which is frightening to think that that would be good for us to then eat.

I'm concerned that FSANZ has relied on advice from scientists with serious conflicts of interest. Those seeking to commercialise GM plants, animals and microbes should NOT play a role in deciding how/whether - foods derived from them should be regulated.

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.

The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, agreed that all GM techniques differ from conventional breeding and that pre-market safety assessments are essential before GM organisms are used in food!!!!

I support expanding the definition for 'gene technology' so FSANZ continues to assess and regulate all techniques and methods of genetic modification, other than conventional breeding. The proposal to deregulate new and emerging GM techniques and their food products, which pose new and unassessed risks, is completely unacceptable.

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