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The proposal to deregulate new and emerging GM techniques and their food products is completely unacceptable.

Unlike in many parts of the world, Australians currently have the possibility of eating fresh food that has not been tampered with too much. We are sick of fighting battles to have it left that way and I am strongly opposed to this latest attempt to change the Food Code so as to permit GM foods to be sold without safety assessment or labelling. These changes would undermine the responsibility of FSANZ to ensure our right to know what is in our food.

Even if you are not concerned about consumers' right to know what they are eating, the proposed changes would put us at odds with our main international trading partners who agree require pre-market safety assessments before GM organisms are used in food. FSANZ should continue to assess and regulate all techniques and methods of genetic modification, other than conventional breeding. We cannot leave the safety of our food supply to agribusiness to self-regulate.

Yours sincerely,
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