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Attention Christina Belperio

In relation to the Governments **CONTROL** over Raw Milk and Raw Milk Products, I wish to strongly protest, that in the year 2008 of the 21st Century a Government Body has seen fit to take stand over tactics against a growing movement within the Australian Population to re introduce traditional nutritionally dense foods.

In the 1960's I weaned 2 children onto Commercial Cows Milk (Pasteurised) , both experienced allergic reactions which forced me onto alternate products. As they grew older and experienced Pasteurised Milk they developed severe digestive problems and were diagnosed "Lactose Intolerant".

In 1970 we moved to a country area and in my efforts to give my family a more healthy diet, we grew our own produce, free range eggs and bought a Jersey Cow. I had read information regarding Pasteurisation verses Raw Milk and the killing of important enzymes which help with the digestive process of Milk. After the children began consuming the Fresh Raw Milk, their health improved and neither suffered digestive problems which were prevalent previously. As they have matured and married. One has continued the lifestyle, with her own farm whilst the other has married and moved to a city lifestyle. The one in the City has multiple health issues and is forced to consume Soy Milk and Products because she has no access to Fresh Raw Milk.

I believe the Government Health Dept. has tested and found nasty organisms in Raw Milk which is available in some Health Food outlets, namely e coli. In all the years I have milked and consumed my Fresh Milk as does my neighbours, not once have I been aware of any problems related to the consumption of Raw Milk.

Could you please inform me as to why the Gov. Health Dept. has taken away the right of every Australian to choose how they feed their families. Would it be not more prudent to raise the standards required for the production of Raw Milk on Organic and Bio Organic farms rather than spend money sending out inspectors to intimidate Dairy Farmers who are trying to supply to an ever increasing demand for natural raw product.



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