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(My apologies, I am resending this email, as I just noticed a typo)

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a Health and Fitness Consultant I have done a significant amount of research into the benefits of consuming raw milk and raw milk products. I have also done a lot of research on the detrimental effects of consuming pasteurised and homogenised milk products. As you are no doubt aware, as a consumer I do currently have the option of purchasing un-homogenised milk products (albeit that, in my opinion, there are still not enough un-homogenised milk products available on our shelves), but I do not have the option of purchasing un-pasteurised milk products. As a consumer I would like the right to purchase raw (un-homogenised and un-pasteurised) milk, and milk products, such as cheese.

As you are no doubt aware, the controversy over raw milk products revolves around the belief that unpasteurised milk is likely to contain pathogenic (disease-causing) microbes. Extensive research has been done into this claim, and it would appear that these claims are simply not founded. Without getting into lots of detail, the pasteurisation scandal (as I call it) came about because many years ago a few bad batches of raw milk found their way onto the supermarket shelves and made some people sick. The truth behind the situation was however, that the cows producing that milk were in very poor condition. They were badly cared for (housed in completely unnatural enclosures), unnaturally fed, and probably dosed with hormones and other synthetic substances.

There is strong evidence to suggest that organic cows; those that are free to roam and graze (as nature intended them to) and not fed hormones and antibiotics, produce milk that is not only pathogen-free but contains numerous health beneficial substances, such as enzymes, good bacteria, and a plethora of beneficial vitamins and minerals.

Even if the FSANZ does not agree with what I believe to be overwhelming evidence of the above, I believe it is my right, and the right of all consumers to at least be able to make that choice.

Put simply, myself, and many other health-conscious consumers want the sale of raw milk legalised.

Your serious consideration of this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Regards

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