

Submission: for Proposal P1007 - Primary Production and Processing Requirements for Raw Milk

Submitted by Roger Shore.

I am a husband and also a father of two teenage children.

My family and I all drink raw un-pasteurized milk on a daily basis and have done so for the past 3 years.

I personally drink 4litres of raw milk every week.

Prior to commencement I had done an enormous amount of research on the safety and health benefits of drinking raw milk and I am convinced that it is completely safe and an incredibly healthful, natural food providing that the herd is grazing on organic pasture and that the Dairy Farmer is using modern hygienic collecting and storage techniques.

When I was a child I loved nothing more than spending the holidays on my Uncle and Aunts Dairy Farm where everyone drank raw milk and my Auntie would use it in every cooking recipe that required milk. I fondly remember the novelty of drinking milk warm straight from the Udder.

Do you honestly believe that dairy farmers drive into town to buy pasteurized milk from the stores? Neither my Dairy Farmer Uncle nor any of his family has ever become ill as a result of consuming raw milk and they have been doing it the whole of their lives!

For goodness sake this is not rocket science as people from different cultures all over the world have been benefiting from this incredible food source for hundreds of years and long before the idea of ruining it with pasteurization.

I believe that it is totally un-Australian and totally unacceptable that we do not have the freedom to purchase raw milk and raw milk products like cream and cheese if we so choose and this is what I would like to see changed.

Thank you,

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