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Subject: Submission for GM food labels

This is our submission that demands labeling for GM foods if you deemed them safe for consumption, we hope you take notice of the evidence we included which proves that GM produce should not be available in Australia and that if you believe the propaganda put out by the GM producing companies then please warn the people they are eating GM products and include a health warning on these labels.

Thank you for your time

Mr and Mrs J Flory

Attention: Members of the Australia and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council

Dear Minister,

*It is **essential for all labels with any ingredients fully or partly derived from a GM** crops or products. This includes ingredients from a GM crop (ie GM corn, canola, soy, sugar and cotton); milk, meat, eggs, fish and honey from animals fed GM feed; from GM derived additives, processing aids, colours and flavours.*

I fear that we as a country are being misled as there is so much information disagreeing with what the GMO pushing companies are selling us, especially Monsanto. It is even scarier when we as a country do not even question the evidence the GMO Companies put forward and all evidence which is produced should be tested by an independent company or government department.

The most astounding problem if one uses Monsanto gm products is the fact they are patented so that no government or private individual or company are allowed to test any of their products so even our own government are not allowed to examine this items to see if they impose a health risk on their own citizens. To a concern Australian I find this terrifying and wonders what this company has to hide and what real health risks are we going to suffer in the future?

From the FASANZ website...

"Does FSANZ commission its own scientific studies?

*No. It is the responsibility of **companies that have developed GM foods to demonstrate the safety of that food and to supply FSANZ with the raw data from scientific studies to prove this.** The data must be obtained using sound scientific methods and be collected according to strict quality control criteria. This procedure is no different to that used for new chemicals and drugs and is standard practice for standards-setting agencies like FSANZ internationally. FSANZ experts review the scientific information and form their own conclusions from the results of the studies. We can, and do, request companies to undertake additional studies, where necessary."*

The health of all Australian people, tourist, refugee's & the long term health of our land is threatened by allowing these products to be sold in food supplies, animal feed or planted on our soil. So of the consequences that fall upon your department could be the same as hormones feed to chickens which caused males to produce breasts back in the 1950's, or herbicides that have cancer causing agents, if these companies did the right thing one would not need the FASANZ, your organization is there to protect the people for unsuitable produce.

If GMO's are to be allowed into our country PLEASE make all food products, animal feeds be labelled as GMO & let the population decide at the checkout if they wish to purchase such goods, this also includes warnings of health effects the same as the tobacco companies are required to print.

I hope you will decide to listen to the people of your country & not the lobby groups from companies who only want to monopolise the seed & food stuffs trade worldwide and also have their own reports supporting what you want to hear instead producing independent government studies to prove if their product is safe for human or animal consumption.

These are things one needs to view before allowing GM products available to the Australian public

- *GM health risks - from past studies, including wanting not only Monsanto's to submit their's but an independent to submit their findings to make sure its unbiased.
- *Documentation on long term effects on people's health, including on unborn fetus
- *Effects on future generations - eg Agent Orange on the next generation
- *Labelling for all produce that comes from animals that have been feed GM products.
- *I would like to highlight how the European nations are banning Gm products
- *The fact that bee's are dying off overseas and that Australia needs to export them, this happened around the same time GM seeds became available and whether there is a link between the two, especially if its killing off the bee's what will it do to us humans.
- *The fact that the GM seeds have affected our organic farmers by seed spillage or they having been blown onto their property so we lose the option of choice if we choose to be GM free.
- *That foods containing GM MUST be labelled that it contains GM products as consumers have a right to know what they are consuming especially if it can have health risks.
- *GM products must be inspected by an individual government agency not relied on self regulations by the GM producers.
- *The fact that we want to keep Kangaroo Island gm free to protect the diseased free pure Ligurian bees' -

An extract from the below website

"Fortunately, or because of the purity of the bee stock and the low use of pesticides and fertilizers on the island the Ligurian bees have been spared the colony collapses and stresses that have taken a toll on their North American cousins. "Colony collapse has been recorded to occur every 30 to 50 years," McAdam explains, "and no one understands why. In America now there are new stresses on hives and management practices that will have to change to keep hives healthy." Ending the use of "localized pesticides" is one such practice. "These pesticides are in genetically modified seed hulls," says McAdam, "the seeds germinate, grow, then flower. The pesticide appears in the pollen that is carried by the bees." In effect the bees are bringing a poison into their hives.

Another benefit of isolation is that the Kangaroo Island bee colonies have never been exposed to other common diseases and bacteria that attack hives. Diseases such as American and European foulbrood bacteria or chalkbrood have so far been kept out due to, first the Ligurian Bee Act of 1885, making KI a sanctuary and the Apiaries Act of 1931 that allowed for the inspection and confiscation of any potentially infected vessel or apparatus heading to the island. These regulations and generations-long attention on the part of the island beekeepers have kept the strain disease free. "

read this <http://www.nativefoodandwine.com/features-journal/the-ligurian-bees-of-kangaroo-island.html> not the site I was looking for but its under the pictures.

Here is another link from the Australian Bee Keepers, it references European policy

Europe's highest court has been called upon to determine the GMO status of honey containing traces of pollen. It ruled that honey containing pollen from GMO crops would have to be labelled as "produced from GMOs" even

though it was accepted all round that the pollen itself was not a GMO since it was unable to reproduce or transfer its genetic content. Previous to the ruling traces of unauthorised GM contamination was allowable in honey labelled GM free. The court has now said that honey containing such traces need special authorisation before it can be sold in Europe.

http://www.actbeekeepers.asn.au/newsletters/nl_pdfs/November_2011.pdf

Highlights from an article

In 2001, the U.S. government listed dioxin as a "known human carcinogen".

Meanwhile, the Nitro plant continued to produce herbicides, In the 1960's it manufactured Agent Orange, the powerful herbicide used by the U.S. military to defoliate jungles during the Vietnam War, and which became the focus of lawsuits by veterans contending they had been harmed by exposure to the chemical. Agent Orange also created dioxin as a by-product.

In 1956, the company tried to sell its PCB containing hydraulic fluid, Pydraul 150, to the navy. Monsanto supplied the navy with test results from the product, but the navy decided to do its own testing. As a result, navy officials informed Monsanto that they would not buy the product, saying that "application of Pydraul 150 caused death in all of the rabbits tested" and indicated "definite liver damage". According to an internal Monsanto memo divulged during a court proceeding, "no matter how we discussed the situation, it was impossible to change their thinking that Pydraul 150 is just too toxic for use in submarines", stated Monsanto's medical director.

Is this the type of company we really want in Australia, if I mentioned the last post to John he would be saying its an act of treason as they were trying to kill of the American navy corp or something like that.

http://www.naturalnews.com/023254_Monsanto_PCB_toxic.html

This is the same company you want to accept their own report that their product is safe. This should put fear into self regulating.

Dr. Philip Bereano has spent the last three decades looking into genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in foods, crops, animals, and humans—both nationally, here in the United States, and internationally. His work led him to participate in the negotiation of two international treaties under the United Nations that dealt with issues relating to GMOs.

<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2011/10/05/has-any-company-ever-harmed-the-planet-more-than-this.aspx?np=true>

"As for independent research, the industry has managed to severely limit it by using its patent-protected seed licensing agreements to prohibit scientists from growing GMO crops for research purposes. Moreover, government funding for such research is scant, and industry research funding tends to flow to finding the next novel trait, not food safety. So research on the long-term effects of eating GMOs is surprisingly thin, especially considering that tens of millions of people are doing it every day.

But here's the kicker: scientists who do manage to conduct independent research have tended to find disturbing results"

<http://motherjones.com/tom-philpott/2011/09/gmos-safe-eat>

This study proves the effect of GM on rats please read this extract and the full article - it contains information from world leading expert who did a 3 year study government on the effects of gm seeds only to be fired for revealing the truth. This was back in 1998, they knew the health risk then and they did nothing but encourage the use of gm seeds.

An extract

"" His team used potatoes modified by Monsanto to produce an insecticide. Writes Engdahl:

"The rats fed for more than 110 days on a diet of GM potatoes had marked changes to their development. They were significantly smaller in size and body weight than ordinary potato-fed control rats in the same experiment. More alarming, however, was the fact that the GMO rats showed markedly smaller liver and heart sizes, and demonstrated weaker immune systems. The most alarming finding from Pusztai's laboratory tests, however, was the markedly smaller brain size of GMO-fed rats compared with normal potato-fed rats."

When he reported his findings on national television, excluding the smaller brain size info for fear it would induce mass panic, he also added that he wouldn't eat GM foods. For two days, the Institute applauded and supported him, even issuing a press release clarifying that his concerns were based on "a range of carefully controlled studies.""

<http://www.thepeoplesvoice.org/TPV3/Voices.php/2011/03/10/a-perfect-storm-of-gmos-chemicals-and-ca>

Please take the time to educate yourselves on the issue & not just take the studies offered by the GMO corps as gospel.

Here are a few clips & some info to begin with.

http://action.fooddemocracynow.org/sign/dr_hubers_warning/#who internationally recognised plant pathologist Dr. Don Huber & his research on Roundup Ready crops & the follow through into the food chain...

<http://www.gmcropsfarmertofarmer.com/film.html> American Farmers telling the truth from the paddock about their experience with GMO crops"

I have submitted several studies that prove that GM products are not safe for consumption please consider this and just remember this is a product you will be allowing your family to eat, your friends, children, grandchildren and considering the health risk of kidney's, lungs, heart, brain and a lower immune system is very frightening, look at how much the American's health issues have increased since the introduction of GM foods and question is it just a co-incidence.

Thank you very much for your time to read my submission.

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