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### **FSANZ: Applications and Submissions - Submission**

**Monday, 15 July, 2013**

**1. Assessment Report Number:** A 1081

**2. Assessment Report Title:** Food derived from Herbicide-tolerant Soybean Event SYHT0H2

**3. Organisation Name:** N/A

**4. Organisation Type:** Individual

**5. Representing:** John Russell

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**12. Submission Text:** See attachment

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I am writing to express my concern about the introduction of foods containing GM soybean products into the Australian food supply. Your own guidelines state 'FSANZ is required to use the best scientific evidence available in its decision-making processes. If no scientific or other validated evidence is provided by a submitter, FSANZ will still have regard to those comments, but may not be able to give those comments the same weighting as that given to scientific evidence.' Genetically modified foods have never been proven to be safe for human consumption in any long term study. This is a fact and not simply my opinion. The famous geneticist David Suzuki explains this very well here:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mBF100PdTo>

You'll notice that the author of the Safety Assessment document in the application has chosen their words very carefully. For example they have written:

"Soybean derived products have a range of food and feed as well as industrial uses and have a long history of safe use for both humans and livestock"

Notice they use the term "Soybean" NOT "GM Soybean" or "Soybean line SYHT0H2". Of course soybeans are safe to eat, but GM soybeans have never been proven to be safe, hence the author can't make that claim and instead refers to soybeans in general.

The Safety Assessment document is very technical but does not even once mention any long term human testing. This is because there has been none.

While the long term effects of eating GM foods are unknown, exposing the Australian public to this potential health hazard would be reckless and necessary.

Please put the health of the Australian public first and do not allow GM soybean products to enter the Australian Food Supply.