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To whom it may concern,

I oppose the irradiation of all fruits and vegetables as it would adversely affect the nutritional value and safety of significant components of our food supplies. A1092 is being assessed in isolation from its total dietary context.

Irradiated pet food was responsible for the death and injury of a significant number of cats in Australia, leading to its ban. Until the mechanisms of these adverse health impacts are fully explored and understood, and negative impacts on humans and other species are absolutely ruled out, no irradiated foods should be allowed to enter the human food supply.

The Queensland government has a clear conflict of interest by being both the applicant for A1092 and, as a member of the Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation, being one of the final arbiters of the decision on its own application.

FSANZ also ignores the numerous alternatives to irradiation that exist for achieving the stated phytosanitary goals of A1092.

Labelling requirements are weak and there is no way to visually distinguish between irradiated and non-irradiated foods. Thus shoppers depend on the integrity and comprehensiveness of irradiation labelling.

Regards,

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