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Atten. FSANZ

Re: The Executive Summary of application A1193 from the Queensland Government.

Despite the Executive Summary website stating that it was 'offline for maintenance', I do not need any further information to know that I very strongly oppose any plans to irradiate fresh fruit and vegetables that may then become available on the Australian domestic market. Please accept my submission on this issue.

Please keep my personal details, except my name, confidential.

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As an Australian consumer, I stand strongly opposed to any application, including Application A1193, seeking to irradiate fresh fruit and vegetables.

Because I value my health and that of my family, I take care to purchase foods that are 'fresh' in the true sense of the word, ie, foods that are in season and that have not been irradiated. Therefore, I strongly oppose any proposal to irradiate fresh fruit and vegetables for the domestic market in Australia. I believe that the nutritional value of irradiated foods are diminished by irradiation and that toxic contaminants are likely to be present in such foods. I do not want to purchase fruit and vegetables, only to find that these have been irradiated.

Australian consumers must be able to have confidence that we will not be subjected to the presence of irradiated fruit and vegetables in our local supermarkets and shops. Nor do we want to be held to the need for constant vigilance, especially with fresh produce. Most consumers would expect fresh produce to be free from irradiation. With or without strikingly obvious 'buyer beware' labelling, consumers may still make purchases in haste and fail to notice that our innocent-looking fruit and vegetables have been irradiated.

I believe that for the Queensland Government or FSANZ to force irradiated fruit and vegetables onto the family table is not good governance or oversight. Consumers are encouraged to make fruits and vegetables a major part of our diet. Irradiated produce has not been proven safe for consumers and there are no studies to prove safe consumption levels for babies and children, either. There is no evidence that irradiated fruit and vegetables will not contain carcinogens or other toxic contaminants. I believe that this application is not in the interests of good health for consumers, nor is it in the interests of democracy.

Therefore, I request, in the strongest terms, that Application A1193 be rejected in total.

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