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To whom it may concern,

I have just found out about the submission on A1193 Irradiation of all fresh fruit and vegetables grown in Queensland.

I am appalled that a government body would consider irradiation of foods for human consumption. I have done some research on other countries that use irradiation on fruit, vegetable and animal products and I can't find any in-depth studies that has taken place worldwide. But I have found small studies done China, India and on animals, the outcome of these don't stack up well for us to even consider irradiation.

I have found in these studies that they shows vitamin deficiencies, increased tumours, reproductive failures and kidney damage in both humans and animals. The actual food itself had inactivity of enzymes, decrease vitamins, DNA damage, and toxic radiolytic products in the food.

Here in Australia we like our fruit and veggie fresh and if we irradiate we deplete the vitamins within making them nutritionally impaired and if we use irradiation, we mask other problems as this does not sterilise the food and bacteria remains and can multiply.

Then you have to take into consideration other factors for example: - eating out, prepared food, food supplements, teas, coffee, herbs, spices, etc how do we the consumer know if this food has been irradiated or not?

Yes, there is some good to irradiated foods, but just because foods will have a longer shelf life than nonirradiated foods, does not mean it is good for eating. Yes, you can ship fruit and vegetables worldwide and while it seems 'Fresh' to the consumer eye, it might not be. Australian stores are able to supply foreign inferior nutritional and tasteless fruit and vegetable and the nonirradiated locally grown food are left to rot, thus, irradiation encourages centralisation and hurts small farmers.



This is the worldwide symbol for Irradiation and to me this symbol is miss leading, this looks like the produce would be organic.

Before agree to A1193 Irradiation of all fresh fruit and vegetables, consider not only your health but the health of all Queenslanders. At the end of the day it will be the public health system haemorrhaging from the side effects from irradiation.

Kind Regards
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