

## submissions

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**From:** Food Freedom Project [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Second Call for Submissions on Raw Milk

To Whom It May Concern:

I am part of an American group working toward food access and direct, local food systems. It is good to read that New Zealand and Australia are recognizing the demand for raw milk and its products.

<http://www.foodprocessing.com.au/news/68574-Second-call-for-submissions-on-raw-milk-and-code-changes>

My overall comment would be to recognize the level of regulation needed for level of goods exchange. Regulations should be directly proportional to distance between the producer of goods and the consumer of the goods. Consequently, an exchange directly between the producer and the consumer would require no or very little regulation. If the public sector wishes to positively influence the safety of these exchanges, they could offer educational materials or pilot monitoring of operations and their consumers with liability waivers.

Along these lines, the current provision to allow alternative methods that result in safe product is good.

"The term documented alternative has been defined for use where prescriptive measures are specified in Division 5. The intention is to allow businesses to use alternative processes or procedures where they can demonstrate that those processes or procedures will not adversely affect the microbiological safety of the final raw milk product." pg 5

Thanks,  
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