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Most Australians and global citizens do not want to eat genetically modified (GM) foods.

I am one such Australian and I strongly oppose changes to the Food Code that would allow a wide range of GM foods, made using novel methods that have scant history of safe use, to be sold without safety assessment or labelling.

Seriously? Without safety assessment or labelling?

If this is true, why does FSANZ exist at all given that these changes would undermine FSANZ's key responsibilities to ensure food safety and our right as consumers to know what is in our food.

Additionally, I understand that FSANZ will rely upon advice from scientists with serious conflicts of interest. This is commercial nonsense at best, corruption at worst.

The proposed changes would make Australia one of very few countries in the world to allow genetically modified animal products into our food chain with no regulation or labelling. This would put us at odds with our international trading partners, which I understand has FSANZ admitting "may have a significant impact on trade".

I support expanding the definition for 'gene technology' so FSANZ continues to assess and regulate all techniques and methods of genetic modification, other than conventional breeding. The proposal to deregulate new and emerging GM techniques and their food products, which pose new and un-assessed risks, is completely unacceptable.

I call upon you to act responsibly and in the interests of consumers.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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