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**From:** Mike Shipley [shipleysorganics@bigpond.com]  
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**To:** submissions  
**Subject:** Submission regarding Proposal P1007 - Primary Production & Processing Requirements For Raw Milk Products

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Dear Sir

I wish to make comment on the proposed assessments of the above proposal.

It is of grave concern to me that the proposals are being made using information which ignores a massive amount of information which is available as to the safety of raw cows milk, raw cheeses and raw goats milk, both in Australia and overseas. It is most obvious to me that, providing the same standards which are applied to the various dairy industries when it applies to pasteurised milks, should be applied to raw milk products, then we should have the right to consume raw milk products too. My family have come from a farming background and have consumed raw milks, cheeses and other raw products for all of our lives, and continue to do so, and have never had one incidence of illness from any of these products. I am aware of many hundreds of other people who have access to similar products and have had no adverse reactions either.

Surely we all have the right to choose what products we wish to consume, providing they comply with standards which are accepted in our community, without bodies like yourselves having involvement at all. To suggest that your involvement is to enhance the safety of these particular products, is absolute nonsense. If the involvement of FSANZ in any safety issues is to be taken seriously, then putting the interests of the general public before the interests of big business, in this case the big dairy industry and the tax office, should be your priority. I fully understand the concern of the dairy industry, because if small dairies were able to sell their products direct to the public without the involvement of the big companies, then they would stand to lose a massive amount of money. These same dairies would stand to make a decent living, as opposed to the current situation where most of the small dairies are struggling to stay in business at all. I can also understand that if small businesses were able to sell direct to the public, then there would be a lot of cash changing hands and therefore the tax office could see problems, but this should not be a reason to compromise the health of our citizens.

We are familiar with many cases of children, in particular, who have had wonderful health benefits from the consumption of raw milk products rather than pasteurised milk. This has also applied to adults with a wide range of health issues. As I have mentioned earlier, there is a huge amount of good information available from many sources, as to the health benefits of raw milk. Please take this information in to account when considering your response to the above proposal.

Yours sincerely

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