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**Subject:** Submission regarding Proposal P1007 - Primary Production & Processing Requirements For Raw Milk Products

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to submit the following submission regarding Proposal P1007, Primary Production and Processing Requirements For Raw Milk Production:

- The Proposals exaggerate the risks of raw milk products. Raw milk has a superlative safety record compared to other foods, and even to pasteurized milk. Since I started drinking raw milk well over a year ago, I have never felt better in my life, and I am on the wrong side of 60.
- The proposals do not address changes to Australian microbiological food Standards which are currently out of step with scientific studies and standards applied in overseas countries.
- The latest proposals will continue the current BAN on the production and sale of all Category 3 products from raw milk. This will include the sale of raw goats' milk currently allowed in some States and further tighten restrictions on raw drinking milk made from cow's milk. No evidence has been put forward as to a food safety justification of why this should be necessary.
- The proposals continue to prohibit farm-consumer sales which are a blatant denial of our rights as consumers. I find it fascinating that I am legally able to purchase cigarettes, which could kill me if I smoked, yet I am unable to legally purchase raw milk from pasture fed cows, which is making me feel so healthy. I am beginning to think that the suggestion made at a certain webpage ( <http://foodfreedom.wordpress.com/2009/11/24> ), that pharmaceutical companies want the sales of raw milk banned because raw milk from pasture fed cows makes most people healthy. Healthy people do not consume many drugs However, smokers suffering from various health issues related to their addiction consume oodles of pharmaceutical products.
- I am neither a Republican nor a Royalist, but I have been reliably informed (1) that the British Royal family drinks raw milk. In particular the late Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, drank raw milk from the Raw Dairy Herd and she lived to 101 years of age.
- Just over a year after I began drinking raw milk and eating raw cheese, I had a very nasty fall. As mentioned earlier, I am on the wrong side of 60 and to make matters worse, I have a very light build. Interestingly though, I escaped serious injury, sustaining only a badly grazed knee and a very large tare to a new pair of slacks. Forgive me if I am wrong, but I put that down to the fact I do not suffer from osteoporosis, because I consume large amounts of raw milk and raw cheese.

1. Schmid, Ron – *The Untold Story of Milk: the history, politics and science of nature's perfect food: raw milk from pasture fed cows.* Washington, D.C., New Trends Publishing, 2009. p.426.

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