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

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Sir or Madame,

My young family would like to have the choice to purchase raw milk products legally. We believe full-heartedly in the health benefits of Raw Milk and it's products and believe that it should be a consumer choice. People all over the world have been consuming Raw Milk products for a very long time and is considered to be very safe and should not be a crime.

Please let us choose what we put into our bodies. There are many people that support Raw Milk and it's health benefits and I hope that you are able to listen with an open heart.

Many thanks for your time,

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The overarching scope of the Proposal is assessing the safety of raw milk products using the Category Framework. FSANZ has undertaken a Technical Assessment based on three Risk Assessments (Raw Cow Milk, Raw Goat Milk and Raw Milk Cheese), a Consumer Study and Nutrition Assessment.

--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.

--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.

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