

Food Standards Australia New Zealand

Submission - Food derived using new breeding techniques

FSANZ as a member of the Australian public I am writing a submission in opposition to the proposed changes to the legislation concerning genetic modification and food safety.

Myself and many other members of the Australian public do not support genetic modification and the advancement of food derived from genetic modification techniques.

There is absolutely no need for this technology to be incorporated into our food chain, Australia has been producing food using traditional methods in excess of the past decade without the need of GM derived techniques, ultimately the introduction of GM derived food into Australian food chain beyond what has already introduced only serves to benefit the Biotech industry and their agenda NOT the Australian public.

The risks associated with genetic modification especially that concerning human consumption has not been fully assessed to ensure GM derived food is safe for human consumption or even beneficial at all, furthermore risk assessments for current GM derived food in the Australian food chain has been undertaken by the biotech corporations themselves, these risk assessments have not been independently reviewed and do not hold up to public scrutiny.

It is absolutely absurd to allow foreign biotech corporations to dictate the genetic material in the Australian food chain without public consent or acknowledgment. The Australian public has a right to know if their food is genetically modified, however your organisation "FSANZ" has failed to enforce the public's rights and had failed to enforce mandatory labeling for GM derived food, This is deception!

You "FSANZ" are failing to serve in the public's best interest and are failing as the public's food regulator, but instead you are supporting the agenda of the Biotech corporations and deceiving the public.

The Australian public has a right to know where their food is coming from and if it is genetically modified, No entity has the right to dictate the genetic material of that for public consumption.

The simple fact of the matter is the public DOES NOT support genetic modification and DOES NOT wish to consume GM derived food, any action in opposition to the public's rights in regard to genetic modification is, in its most basic form is genetic warfare!

Keep this genetic sludge out of our food chain! Keep Australia GM Free!

The Australian public will not eat from the hand of a grub at our expense for the benefit of corporate greed.

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