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Submission regarding Proposal P1007: Primary Production & Processing Requirements for Raw Milk Products.

As a consumer I would like to have the choice to access and consume raw milk, and dairy products made using raw milk. I implore FSANZ to permit the sale of raw milk to consumers in Australia.

The nutritional benefits of raw milk are undisputed. Yet, Australians have been prevented from accessing raw milk due to genuine concerns about bacterial contamination. While I agree that large scale dairies who mass produce milk for our supermarkets should not be permitted to offer raw milk because of the infection and contamination risks that this kind of production creates, I would like to see smaller, independent and organic dairies - whose practices are less susceptible to contamination and provide for healthier animal care - are able to offer raw milk to consumers.

The health benefits of raw milk far outweigh any health risks if the animals, milking process, and methods of distribution are all carefully maintained to quality standards. I would like to have raw milk available to me as an option.

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