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Application A1035 - Food derived from insect protected soybean MON 87701

ASSESSMENT REPORT submission

To whom it may concern:

I do not agree with allowing the sale of GM soyabean products (MON 87701) in New Zealand, or any other patented GMO product.

I would like to protest against introduction of GM soya products into New Zealand as I feel that the research done by the FSANZ has not included or considered the effects on animals and livestock. While the corn is intended for human consumption, it does not seem to have been tested on animals at all.

I would like to point out the recent television documentary about Monsanto pig patents, showing more than one case of animals becoming sterile from eating GM corn and soya.

See part 1 here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-ouf_gmA5o&feature=related

There are 5 parts to view.

As a recipient of a Masters degree in Entrepreneurship at the University of Otago, I would like to support the protection of the clean, green image New Zealand has world wide and its standing against GMO products as it is an enormous added unfair advantage to New Zealand's overseas market opportunities. Both advantages enable the placement of market products as niche

products commanding high prices, reflecting the high standards New Zealand has.

I would also like to protest that the only advantage GM products would bring to New Zealand is short term lowered cost, which would then mean a short term financial threat to New Zealand's existing crops, as New Zealand crops are not GM and (according to Monsanto) more expensive to produce in the SHORT term. I do not agree that these crops are cheaper to produce in the long term.

If these imported products put New Zealand crop growers out of business, how long will it be before Monsanto have a complete monopoly on corn in New Zealand? and with the ability to control the associated patent costs, how long will it be before costs escalate as the corporate shareholders look to regain their investments?

I believe this issue has the ability to create a dependance on imported foods at the very least, contributing further to the imbalance of trade exports and imports.

Thank you for allowing me to make this submission.

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