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Submission regarding Application A1066 – Food derived from Herbicide-tolerant Maize MON87427

I am writing to express my strong opposition to this application from Monsanto.

As a mother I have strong reservations about this product and believe introduction of this product could endanger my children's welfare, especially given the genetically modified nature of this product. Corn is a staple in my house and I am greatly concerned that I will no longer be able to feed this to my children if a GM crop is introduced as I have grave concerns around its safety and will do everything I can to avoid it. I also know of many other parents who feel the same way. I am also not satisfied that current labelling laws are satisfactory.

I believe introduction of this crop will harm the non GM corn market in Australia and organic markets and create needless uncertainty for those farmers in established markets. I also believe introduction of this strain will harm Australia's export markets for no benefit.

I also believe that there is a conflict of interest for Monsanto to introduce a strain of this corn that is tolerant to its own herbicide.

This application is also put forward at a time when Monsanto is withdrawing from Europe and as the UK Government found that GM farming would pollute the countryside for generations. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-199884/GM-giant-quits-Britain-amid-backlash.html> I believe it is untenable for Australia to consider introducing a crop like this which wreaks havoc on our environment and leaves future generations with problems surrounding food production.

In short I strongly oppose the introduction of this herbicide tolerant maize and see it will bring no public benefit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely
Suzanne Roth