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Subject: FSANZ Submission Form Received (Internet) - Barbara Austin

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| Application/Proposal Number: | 1 |
| Organisation Name: | Barbara Austin |
| Organisation Type: | Individual |
| Representing: | parents and grandparents |
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| Contact Person: | Barbara Austin |
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| Submission Text: | I am a member of Organic New Zealand and I oppose the |

introduction of Genetically Modified potatoes in New Zealand. The evidence to support their safety has been provided by industry references which have been funded by and are for the benefit of Dow Chemicals. Potatoes are a staple food in New Zealand and many varieties have been grown by Maori for over a century. There is no proof that Genetically Modified potatoes will not cross pollinate and contaminate other crops of potatoes, and other vegetables of the same family (tomatoes, peppers etc). It is irresponsible for FSANZ to dismiss significant differences that demand proper testing and claim instead that those differences are within the bounds of natural variation in other potatoes. GE Free NZ has serious concerns that basic changes in the potato amino acids, could cause brain damage and problems for pregnant women and developing babies. As a mother and grandmother I am appalled by this. The only people to

benefit from introducing Genetically modified foods into New Zealand are large foreign chemical companies. Stop this immediately.