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SUBMISSION**Re: Proposal P1007: Primary Production & Processing Requirements for Raw Milk Products**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I welcome this action by FSANZ to review the legislation relating to raw milk products. My family and I have been drinking raw milk for years and have benefited greatly from it. One of us gets severe phlegm after drinking pasteurised milk but can drink raw milk with no ill effects whatsoever. We have found to be much more easily digested than pasteurised milk.

I appreciate that FSANZ wishes to ensure the safety of those who consume milk and I am sure that with modern dairy practices and refrigeration this can be readily achieved without having to heat treat all milk.

With suitable labelling, consumers can make a free choice to purchase raw milk or pasteurised milk. I would like to see the following changes:

- shops and supermarkets to be allowed to sell raw milk;
- dairy farmers to be allowed to sell raw milk to the public;
- dairy farmers not be required to comply with undue legislative or labelling requirements for raw milk - it should be sufficient for them merely to display a sign at the dairy saying something like: *The milk sold here is not pasteurised*;
- unpasteurised products should be allowed to be imported into and sold in Australia.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Yours sincerely
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