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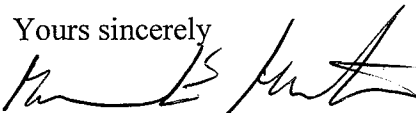
Re Proposal P1007 - Primary Production & Processing Requirements for Raw Milk Products

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to see an Australian Standard set for the production of raw milk and raw milk products for the following reasons;

1. To enable the production of safe products by people who can meet the standard.
2. People are constantly asking us where they can buy raw cows milk, and by their attitude you know they will explore every possibility to obtain what they want, legal or not.
3. I grew up consuming raw cows milk and know that it can be produced safely. However how many people are willing to go to this trouble? Probably not many because it is a lot more work. If there was a standard then those that were prepare to do this work and meet this standard should be able to sell their product.
4. We currently are producing and selling raw goats milk for human consumption. I am a registered nurse and obtained my first goat because my children could not consume the products available in the market place. We were constantly asked for milk by other parents who had the same problem and what we do has evolved because of this. I would not consume anyone else raw milk unless I could see the animals, the dairy and watch a milking, because there is no standard.

Yours sincerely



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