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RELATING TO: Proposal P1007-Primary Production & Processing Requirements For Raw Milk Products.

I am writing in regards to this proposal of making raw milk available to the public.

I live in Auckland, New Zealand and have recently made the decision to drink only raw milk, for its reported health benefits. Unfortunately, in Auckland, there are only 2 farms that sell fresh raw milk, both of which are a long way out from the city (for a city population of 1 million, that supply is almost non existent) I am chronically ill, and unable to travel to such distance to collect it.

However, I am lucky, as my parents live in a small town 4 hours north of Auckland, and up there, there are a few local dairy farms. My parents visit me monthly, and each time they come down, I get them to bring me some of this beautiful raw milk, fresh from the farm. It is truly liquid gold, each sip is precious, and I can almost feel its wholesome goodness working through my body. Standard, pasteurized milk just can't compare, it doesn't even look/smell like milk! Everything about it seems so artificial, so far from its natural state

If and when raw milk is readily available- I will finally be able to drink it to my hearts content. Till that day comes about, sadly, raw milk remains a treat for me, and I know the same for many others, who do not have the time/resources to make the journey to the far outskirts of Auckland.

Sincerely,

Kylie Thomas