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- 3. Organisation Name:** Robert Jenkins
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- 5. Representing:** Robert Jenkins

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**12. Submission Text:** Application A1069 – Irradiation of Tomatoes & Capsicums The purpose of this report is to provide permission to irradiate fresh tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum*) and fresh capsicum (*Capsicum annuum*) for a phytosanitary (quarantine) purpose. this is an entirely futile process. Vegetables should be eaten as soon after picking as possible. Falsely extending their shelf life does nothing for the quality of the food we would be eating. Hence this treatment should not be allowed just to make a few extra dollars for the middle men who market the foodstuffs. yours faithfully, Robert Jenkins

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**12. Submission Text:** • Irradiation has been shown to deplete vitamin C, vitamin A, proteins, essential fatty acids and other nutrients in food. • Irradiation produces free radicals in food and has been linked to health problems such as nutritional deficiencies, immune system disorders, and genetic damage. • In 2008 and 2009 one hundred Australian cats developed neurological disorders leading to paralysis, some died, because of the consumption of irradiated cat food. The public outcry led to the banning of irradiated cat food in Australia. At the time of this writing, in 2012, irradiated pet food is being investigated as the potential cause of death and illness in dogs, suggesting that the problem may not be species specific as previously claimed. The risk to humans cannot be ruled out. • I am not confident that it will be labelled. Labelling of irradiated foods in Australia and New Zealand is also under threat. The government has proposed a review of mandatory labelling with the aim of removing labelling requirements. . All irradiated food should be individually labelled "treated with radiation" or "irradiated -- " I call on you to reject A1069 as it is not in the public interest: neither the health and safety of irradiating tomatoes and capsicums nor the assurance the consumers will have choice through labelling has been demonstrated and these cannot be guaranteed. I look forward to your response regarding these matters and to working with you to keep our food nutritious, healthy and safe for all Australians and New Zealanders. Thank you Robert Jenkins 5th November 2012 [REDACTED]

