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- 1. Assessment Report Number:** A 1081
- 2. Assessment Report Title:** Food derived from Herbicide-tolerant Soybean Event SYHT0H2
- 3. Organisation Name:** Bayer & Syngenta
- 4. Organisation Type:** Individual
- 5. Representing:** My Family

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- 12. Submission Text:** I am writing to express my concern about the introduction of foods containing GM soybean products into the Australian food supply. Genetically modified foods have never been proven to be safe for human consumption in any long term study. This is a fact and not simply my opinion. The famous geneticist David Suzuki explains this very well here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mBF1OOPdTo> You'll notice that the author of the Safety Assessment document in the application has chosen their words very carefully. For example they have written: "Soybean derived products have a range of food and feed as well as industrial uses and have a long history of safe use for both humans and livestock" Notice they use the term "Soybean" NOT "GM Soybean" or "Soybean line SYHT0H2". Of course soybeans are safe to eat, but GM soybeans have never been proven to be safe, hence the author can't make that claim and instead refers to soybeans in general. The Safety Assessment document is very technical but does not even once mention any long term human testing. This is because there has been none. While the long term effects of eating GM foods are unknown, exposing the Australian public to this potential health hazard would be reckless and necessary. Please put the health of the Australian public first and do not allow GM soybean products to enter the Australian Food Supply.

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We have a history of protecting our species of flora and fauna. Australia is unique, and yet we are letting in Genetically Modified Organisms that we have no proof of being safe for Humans or Animals. Large corporations that are looking for profits are not who the FSANZ should be looking after. The FSANZ should be looking after the Australian and New Zealand Public.

I am just a Mum and lay person, but there are many of us out there that do not want GMO foods – And the numbers are growing. I cannot prove that Glycine Max is harmful but the Corporations have not proven that it is safe.

Thanks

Jackie