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Submission on behalf of Auckland GE Free Coalition (AGEFC)

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Contact for this submission c/o Jon Carapiet, AGEFC spokesman

Application A1097 - food derived from transgenic Zea mays event MON 87411 engineered against corn rootworm (*Diabrotica* spp.) and for resistance to the herbicide glyphosate; Monsanto Australia Ltd.

The AGEFC asks that Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) reject this application.

The Auckland GE Free Coalition (AGEFC) is a network of ratepayers, consumers, parents, environmental, food safety and community groups concerned with the spread of GE organisms and products, and seeking government authorities protect the integrity of production systems and environments from GE contamination.

FSANZ must address the serious inadequacies in its process used to effectively 'rubber stamp' approval of novel foods with inadequate or no independent safety testing.

It is wrong scientifically and ethically for FSANZ to have previously approved, and to continue to approve products like MON 87411 based on assumptions, points of view, presumed safety in the absence of evidence, and a willingness to compromise sound scientific process to enable trade and further commercial interests.

In the current environment of FSANZ being compromised in these ways, sadly the public can have no confidence in your capacity to meet the duty of care to consumers.

We note that previous independent scientific advice provided to FSANZ and in published journals is inadequately considered and fails to change FSANZ's flawed process and belief systems.

As well as a need for credible and independent pre-testing, The World Health Organization recommends adequate post market monitoring be carried out to ensure the safety of transgenic foods, but FSANZ does nothing of the sort.

Claims of scientific consensus on GE food safety is also untrue. It cannot be said that transgenic foods are or are not safe for human and/or animal consumption, and that the FSANZ assessment is inadequate to answer this.

Applying the Precautionary Principle and rejecting and rescinding approvals of such applications is required.

You are requested to reject the application, however we accept that given FSANZ's history, you will likely do no such thing, further establishing in the record that this present process is a fake one with no credible

effort made to address your process and systems failure. This institutional failure by FSANZ is itself the source of significant risk to public health.