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Application/Proposal Number:	A1115 Irradiation of blueberries and raspberries.
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Submission Text:	<p>Reject Application A1115: Stop the irradiation of Blueberries and Raspberries I am advised that the NSW government has made an Application to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) to irradiate blueberries and raspberries. I am writing to ask you to reject this application (A1115) for the irradiation of raspberries and blueberries and to act in whatever way is open to you to ensure that this application does not succeed. I am strongly opposed to the irradiation of fresh fruits and vegetables and, in this case in particular, to the irradiation</p>

blueberries and raspberries. These fruits have high levels of antioxidants, anthocyanin and Vitamin C and in fact are valued for their anthocyanin. Irradiation will deplete the berries of these micro-nutrients – will turn them from a fresh to a processed product. It is extremely unlikely that they will be labelled as irradiated. There is a requirement to label irradiated products at the moment but I understand this is under review and it is likely that the food industry will maintain its strong resistance to labelling that alerts consumers to an irradiated product. Irradiation of fresh produce is unnecessary in Australia and contrary to the interests of public health and a reliable supply of nutritious fresh food. Thank you,