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Dear FSANZ

**This submission opposes FSANZ's decision to approve Corn line MON87429 that has been genetically modified to tolerate glufosinate, dicamba, 2,4-D and the aryloxyphenoxypropionate group of herbicides**

Exposure to chemical pesticides is indicated in studies to weaken immunity. At any time this cannot be a desirable public health outcome. More so now?

Nevertheless FSANZ has not assessed data to evaluate the public health negatives of multiple chemical use.

The corn is developed to survive spraying with up to twelve different pesticides risks exposing consumers in New Zealand or Australia to increased levels of toxic chemicals. Yet FSANZ has made its assessment without safety data on potential impacts of the GE corn absorbing multiple chemicals, or unintended mutations from gene editing.

FSANZ has missed or selectively overlooked data that reveals problems. As a result your assessment of MON 87429 is based on insufficient research and relies on inaccurate and purely theoretical data.

The public need protection and care from authorities.

This submission urges the authority to prioritise standards that ensure food is fresh and pesticide free.

Foods that are genetically modified, highly processed, and grown with pesticides are known to increase the risk of weakened human immune systems, making us more vulnerable to illness.

## **Summary**

FSANZ is failing in its duty to serve the public interest if it continues to amend the code despite inadequate scientific data and ignoring public concern.

Yours sincerely

