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Submission on A1193 Irradiation of all fresh fruit and vegetables

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Opposition to irradiation of fresh fruits and vegetables:

I add my call to that of others for policy-makers to amend Food Standard 1.5.3 to require irradiated is all labelled as such and that non-packaged irradiated foods such as fruit and vegetables are individually labelled.

Labelling must include the words "irradiated" or "treated with radiation" or "treated with irradiation". This call for strict labelling is in the public interest, to satisfy everyone's right to know that foods were made or processed using technologies specified in Food Standard 1.5. This does not signify my support for food irradiation.

The scientific evidence on irradiated foods is, at best, divided and unresolved in its conclusions on their safety. New research and real-life experience in Australia suggests that irradiation can have serious health impacts, at the very least on domestic animals. **The precautionary principle should, therefore, be rigorously applied.**

No monitoring or long-term studies have been conducted on the human consumption of irradiated foods yet a clear health impact has been demonstrated in cats in Australia.

The onus is on the irradiation industry to prove food irradiation safe. This Queensland Government application and FSANZ assessment fail this test.

Our health is being compromised in so many ways - access to fresh fruit and vegetables with no toxic load are essential to support our health and well-being.

yours sincerely,

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