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to whom it may concern

As a member of the public I feel it is my right to have the choice of whether I eat irradiated food or not. If this application in Queensland succeeds it will surely be followed by other states so that all producers are on a level playing field in terms of marketing. And if some states choose not to, because like me they are not convinced that properly peer reviewed rigorous research has proven the public safety of this application, there will be no way to clearly identify through labeling whether a product is irradiated or not because the irradiation cannot be checked.

While this application purports to be of benefit to producers this is no guarantee. I for one would source imported unirradiated produce from countries that do not require it or local clean produce and this runs the risk of undermining the economy of Australian producers.

Also in an epidemic of obesity where public health authorities encourage the increased consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables it is alarming to see this application given the evidence that shows a decline in the nutritional value of irradiated foodstuffs.

Also I think that it is false to promote this as an alternative to the already high use of insecticides in our agricultural sector. This is a post harvest application that will not decrease the use of herbicides and pesticides.

From my understanding it also seems that the process of decision making on this application seems to lack a degree of independence that does not fill me with confidence and trust that an unbiased decision will be made based on rigorous research and cost benefit analysis.

Please let's explore more fully other better farming practices so that we feed ourselves and the next generation with clean wholesome food.

Thank you for considering my views

Sincerely

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