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> From: [REDACTED]  
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> Subject: Submission on 1193 Irradiation of all Fresh fruit and  
> vegetables

> I firmly recommend that FSANZ reject proposal A1092 on the following grounds:

> \*\*Irradiation of apples, apricots, cherries, nectarines, peaches, plums, honeydew, rockmelon, strawberries, table grapes, zucchini and squash would adversely affect the nutritional value and safety of significant components of the Australian and New Zealand food supplies.

> \*\* Combined with fruit and vegetables already approved for irradiation, this proposal would constitute a major reduction in the nutritional value and safety of the human food supply in both countries, ey A1092 is being assesses in isolation from its total dietary context.

> \*\* Irradiated pet food was responsible for the death and injury of a significant number of cats in Australia, leading to its ban. Until the mechanisms of these adverse health impacts are fully explored and understood, and negative impacts on humans and other species are absolutely ruled out , no irradiated foods should be allowed to enter the human food supply.

> \*\* The QLD Government has a clear conflict of interest by being BOTH the applicant for A1092 and as a member of the legislative and Government forum on Food Regulation, being one of the arbiters of the decision of its own application.

> \*\*The nutritional and safety assessment process lacks scientific rigour, relying heavily on unpublished non peer reviewed research submitted by the applicant,

> \*\* FSANZ ignores the numbers alternatives to irradiation that exist for achieving the stated goals of A1092.

> \*\* The Forum and FSANZ have been derelict in their duty to protect the public health and safety, by filing to facilitate the much earlier and more timely phase out of highly toxic, dimethoate and fenthion in which fresh fruits and vegetables were dipped to control fruit fly larvae.

> \*\* Labelling requirements are weak and there is no way tp visually distinguish between irradiated and non- irradiated foods. Thus shoppers depend on the integrity and comphrensnivenerss of irradiation labelling.

> \*\* The future of QLD's health will impacted by the decision to irradiate our fresh food and this in turn may affect future generations.

> \*\* I implore you to REJECT this A1092 Submission immediately.

> Regards  
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