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Application/Proposal Number:	Application A1196 – Food derived from nematode-protected and herbicide-tolerant soybean GMB151
Organisation Name:	Grey Power Otamatea Inc
Organisation Type:	Other
Representing:	Sectors in our community
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Submission Text:	<p>Submission' on Application A1196 – Food derived from nematode-protected and herbicide-tolerant soybean GMB151</p> <p>Our community group, Grey Power Otamatea Inc, is strongly opposed to the Application A1196 made by Monsanto Australia Proprietary Limited seeking approval for food derived from nematode-protected and herbicide-tolerant</p>

soybean GMB151. New Zealanders must retain the right to protection by our Government from plants/food that have been genetically modified. There is insufficient data on the potential impact or unintended mutations from gene editing and transgenic engineering. NZ has promoted a clean-green image, and our exporters benefit from this. We have organic farmers whose very livelihoods is the niche organic market operating in a GE-free country. We have citizens whose very lives are dependent on fruit and vegetables that are grown organically or spray-free, due to allergies which have developed later in life from toxic overload from spraying. Changing natural fruit and vegetables to allow spraying of many toxic chemicals is, in our opinion, dangerous. NZ has been locked down with Covid-19, which many scientists say has been released, probably inadvertently, and probably from a science laboratory in Wuhan. Not only the NZ economy, but the whole world's economy, is suffering such that we are in the midst of an economic depression the like of which none of us has ever experienced. Genetic engineering of the corona virus has been ongoing for at least 15 years, and it would seem obviously for no good purpose. We question the purpose of producing and allowing genetically modified corn when there is no data to demonstrate its safety. The only ones to benefit will be the companies whose interest is in producing toxic herbicides which have a history of chronic health effects

on humans. As it is the NZ citizen who pays the salaries of FSANZ, we would remind FSANZ that its duty of care is to us, not to corporations whose duty is to produce profits for its shareholders. We totally oppose controversial and risky GE/GMO plants and food ingredients going into the Australian and NZ food supply, unlabelled, and undermining consumer "right to know" and traceability. In the interests of our good health, and our New Zealand Prime Minister and Government have demonstrated Government's commitment to protecting our good health by shutting NZ down due to the corona virus pandemic, FSANZ must refuse this application. Beverley Aldridge President Grey Power Otamatea Inc