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**SUBMISSION ON PROPOSAL P1022 -
Primary Production & Processing Requirements for Raw Milk Products**

The Department of Health Western Australia (DOHWA) would like to thank Food Standards Australia New Zealand for the opportunity to comment on Proposal P1022 – Primary Production & Processing Standard for Raw Milk Products.

DOHWA supports a draft variation to amend Standard 4.2.4 to permit raw milk products where it can be demonstrated:

- that the intrinsic physico-chemical characteristics of the raw milk product do not support the growth of pathogens, and
- there is no net increase in pathogen levels during processing.

The additional guidance materials provided to support the draft variation by way of monitoring and verification are supported. DOHWA also recognises that the guidance materials will be very important in assisting industry implementation and compliance with the draft variation and enforcement agencies with the implementation and enforcement processes that are introduced to manage the draft variation.

This submission has been prepared by the Department of Health Western Australia, Environmental Health Directorate.

Should you wish to discuss our response please do not hesitate to contact Ms Sophe Williamson on (08) 9388 4918 or e-mail Sophe.Williamson@health.wa.gov.au.

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