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Organization Name: No Organization, personal submission

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Submission to support foods derived from hemp to be permitted

As a 63-year-old Male, I suffer from Chronic Kidney Disease level 4, (CKD4) and am under the outpatients care of the [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]d

Considering CKD5 is the next stage, which would take me into dialysis and or make me a candidate for a kidney transplant, I desperately am trying to avoid moving to stage 5.

The [REDACTED] are happy with the stability of my disease and suggest whatever I am doing to keep stable that with I continue that.

About six years ago, I changed my diet from being an Omnivore, to that of eating foods exclusively derived from plants. At that time I was attending a [REDACTED] outpatients clinic headed by specialist [REDACTED].

The medication I was taking were Statins and anti hypertensive medications to protect my kidneys; these medications can affect one with long term side effects and I was able to come off them since I had moved to a plant based diet. In addition to being able to cease taking the medication my monthly Renal blood tests became more stable and also started to improve.

It is very important to my health to be able to easily access a wide range of vitamins and minerals from sources other than supplements; i.e. food sources which provide bulk and fiber to my body.

I read that dairy free hemp milk and hemp seeds are nutritious in an extremely good range of vitamins and minerals and so I would like to freely access these products for my continued renal health. Unfortunately some CKD4 sufferers, myself included, have a poor appetite, so it's important the small amounts of food we eat are of high quality and nutritionally dense, which my research indicated that foods derived from hemp are.

I therefore respectfully request that FSANZ recommends to the Ministerial Forum that foods derived from Hemp be allowed to be sold in New Zealand.

Yours Sincerely

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