

To whom it may concern,

In regards to Clause 15 of PROPOSAL P1007. I want to put my word against this clause which requires all milk to be pasteurized, especially goats milk. I was brought up on raw goats milk from an early age and am a regular buyer of and consumer of Gourmet Goats cheese. I have never had any issues with eating or drinking Goats products and find them much tastier and healthier tasting to many dairy products. If the right procedures are followed, I believe that it is safe and beneficial for people to drink it.

Pasteurization of Goats milk would only serve to get rid of the good - and in the process damage a hard working industry. It will only continue to disadvantage the already disadvantaged Australian cheese industry.

Also in your march to get rid of raw milk you are killing of the business of the small artisan cheese & milk manufacturers. "Destroy jobs, destroy good cheese" is your war cry as you come down the road.

I implore you to not just take the 'easy route' and do a general blanket ban on all non pasteurised products. I believe that if you ask the industry for help in creating a system to manage any risks of using non-pasteurised products that they will be willing to assist.