

Below is my submission in support of the continued availability of legal, raw goat milk in the market place in Queensland. My reasons for this are as follows:-

1. To preserve a dynamic, competitive, localised raw milk industry, where the consumer has a choice of type and quality of product.
2. To know the conditions under which animals are farmed (e.g. organic, free-range, health, animal welfare etc.) are monitored and quality control practices in place.
3. I feel that any legislation that **removes my FREEDOM OF CHOICE** to decide between brands and type of milk for my personal consumption are **an infringement on MY BASIC HUMAN RIGHT** to choose and make decisions on how I manage my own and my families health.
4. I prefer to use raw goat milk to pasteurised goat milk for the following reasons:

o Palatability The flavour of pasteurised milk is horrible and I will not drink or use it.

o Easier digestibility Raw goat milk is digested in 20 minutes (scientifically proven).

o Retention of both protective and digestive enzymes I have written information from the DPI stating the percentages of vitamins and minerals destroyed by pasteurisation and that it also destroys the enzymes.

o The integrity of the protein profile and fat profile is not compromised in raw milk. As above, some proteins and fats are heat sensitive and damaged by the pasteurisation process)

Other:

1. I have been using raw goat milk since 1972 and my health has improved dramatically, no more asthmatic bronchitis, the flu once every 4-5 years instead of a few times each winter. And no more sinus unless I use cow milk.
2. I rarely need any teeth fillings now. This benefit has been studied, and information on the reduction in dental decay, has been trialled and published in America.
3. My youngest son couldn't tolerate cows milk and I put him on raw goat milk at six weeks of age. Within 24hours he started sleeping longer and wasn't crying non-stop and within a week he slept through between feeds, didn't cry and started putting on weight. He changed from a monster to a quite, happy, contented baby in less than a week.

I was recommended to use raw goat milk by:

- A Doctor . His family had goats and he knew the benefits of raw goat milk. I bought my first goat from them.

Further Comments –

1. If raw milk, especially raw goat milk, is not going to be available from registered dairies it will mean people like me will buy from back yard breeders and you will have no control over the quality of the milk I or they purchase. This means I and other people will buy unsafe milk and adults and/or babies could become sick and die.
2. I have owned a raw goat milk dairy and know it is produced hygienically and safely in registered dairies.
3. I have seen many children with eczema clear up in a matter of weeks just by using raw goat milk as well as other problems resolved. There is no scientific evidence but many doctors can substantiate this does happen.

I strongly object to you taking away my right to buy a safe product and force me to buy an unsafe product.

Iris Millett

2 Fleur Crescent

Lockyer Waters QLD 4311

Phone: 07 5465 8376

Email: qbdgsa_pres@hotmail.com