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Subject: Application A 1069 - irradiation.

To Food Standards Australia New Zealand.

Re Application A 1069 for the Irradiation of Tomatoes and Capsicums.

I oppose the irradiation of tomatoes and capsicums.

Therefore I call on you to reject Application A 1069 for the irradiation of tomatoes and capsicums.

The Queensland Government is presenting irradiation as an alternative to certain harmful pesticides that are being phased out.

But irradiation itself is not safe, as many scientific studies have shown.. Irradiation depletes levels of vitamins A and C

and other nutrients in food, produces free radicals in food and has been linked to immune system disorders and genetic damage.

I have learned that irradiated cat food has been banned in Australia after severe neurological disorders and some deaths in cats.

A warning?

I choose not to eat irradiated food.

I understand there are further plans to irradiate more vegetables and fruit including zucchinis, melons, peaches, nectarines, apricots plums, cherries, strawberries, apples, grapes - so many foods we regularly enjoy as part of a healthy diet.

This would be totally unacceptable, and the question of whether irradiated foods were adequately labelled, to enable choice,.would need to be addressed.

In view of the above concerns,I urge you to reject Application A1069 as it is not in the public interest.

Thank you for considering my submission. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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