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Submission to Food Standards Australia NZ (FSANZ)

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. Our community group supports the more substantive submissions by Gene Ethics, GE FREE NZ, and Physicians & Scientists for Global Responsibility Charitable Trust (NZ).

We strongly support that submission and have become a signatory to it.

Our members have grave concerns that (Australian dominated) FSANZ is considering approving Monsanto's latest controversial application to this Trans-Tasman agency.

Our community group submits that FSANZ should decline Monsanto's application (herbicide-tolerant corn line MON87429) in its entirety.

We oppose controversial and risky GE/GMO food ingredients going into the Australian and NZ food supply, unlabelled undermining consumer "right to know" and traceability, putting at risk those who low immune system functioning, pregnant women and also vulnerable children. The right of Australians and Kiwis to eat GE free food must be protected.

The particular corn in this Monsanto application is developed to survive spraying with up to twelve different pesticides risks exposing consumers in New Zealand or Australia to increased levels of toxic chemicals.

The seed is coated with a neonicotinoid insecticide.

FSANZ has made its assessment without safety data on potential impacts of the GE corn absorbing multiple chemicals, or unintended mutations from gene editing and transgenic engineering

FSANZ assessment of MON 87429 is based on insufficient research and relies on inaccurate and purely theoretical data.

FSANZ has missed or selectively overlooks data that reveals significant problems.

In our view, allowing a food to be sprayed with a cocktail of toxic herbicides which have a history of chronic health effects is highly irresponsible and endangers the public health.

Data cited in Bayer's application came from Monsanto, who have shown they cannot be trusted to avoid manipulation or not to omit data.

FSANZ should prioritise standards that ensure food is fresh and pesticide free. Foods that are genetically modified, highly processed, and grown with pesticides are known to undermine the human immune system making us more vulnerable to illness. Please keep us informed. We wish to be heard.