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## **Submission on A1193 Irradiation of ALL fresh fruit and vegetables**

**I request email acknowledgement of submission receipt.**

**I would like to make some quick comments on the Queensland Government's application A1193 to irradiate ALL 'fresh' fruits and vegetables.**

I have only just become aware of the Qld Govt's Application and have only time to make the briefest of comments.

### **I request that FSANZ reject the application on the following grounds**

I believe public consultation was to have been in April 2021. With this application being expedited, I would assume (1) that the Qld Govt would be paying significantly higher fees to FSANZ to have this application expedited (especially concerning in a Pandemic year when there are many important issues to be solved) and (2) that the expedition is for a nefarious purpose – that the public consultation timing in the pre- Christmas rush is to minimise the number of the members of the public who are aware of the application and thus minimise the number of submissions.

The public at large, when aware of the issue of food irradiation have exhibited distrust and opposition. If the public distrust, the public probably would not give consent. Possibly a major reason for the expedited public consultation.

There is proof of harm from irradiated foods – an example is the harming of and death of cats who had consumed imported irradiated Canadian pet food. Subsequently these foods were banned. I believe that the mechanism of why those adverse events happened has still not been fully determined and thus not cannot be fully understood. There is no way that future adverse events for humans and other species can be ruled out if the mechanism of previous exhibited harm has still not been explored and understood fully.

There is no proof of safety. What has been put forward is non-published, non- peer reviewed research provided by the proponent/ applicant. FSANZ is supposed to be a science based organisation. What has been put forward is the very lowest level of research and the least respected in the scientific world.

No rigorous evidence has been put forward to establish that the nutrient levels of all irradiated fruits and vegetables has not been compromised.

The Qld Govt, being both the applicant and a member of the regulatory forum that will determine the application, has a clear conflict of interest and truly is a prime example of the fox in charge of the hen house.

The public has a right to know what they are buying and if the application is allowed, under existing weak labelling laws, it would be very unlikely that the public will know if they are buying irradiated fruits and vegetables. If irradiated foods are labelled, the labelling is likely to be confusing, or misleading. Labelling should be clear and honest. Supermarkets mostly don't even display what variety of potatoes they are selling, let alone anything else.

There is no cheap or reliable test to determine if foods have been irradiated, thus there will be no monitoring to see if what foods have been irradiated, or at what level of irradiation.

**I request that FSANZ not only decline this application, but that FSANZ refuse any further similar applications for food irradiation and cancel any existing approvals for food irradiation.**

**NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS AND ALL OTHER CONTACT DETAILS TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL**

Thank you

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