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I eat because I'm hungry and I expect the food to nourish me. I am deeply concerned to hear the Queensland Government has paid to rush through an application to irradiate all fresh fruit and vegetables. Nowhere else in the world subjects all its fresh produce to radiation. No one knows what this change to our food will do to us.

Is Queensland trying to send us the message its growers are particularly unable to deal with pests and contamination and that standards of treatment that would be allowable in organic agriculture are inadequate to deal with the scale of the problem? If so, I conclude it would be wisest for me to buy local Victorian produce at all costs. I can pass on the message that Queensland produce is no longer fresh as it has been cooked by irradiation on to my networks both local and international.

I am also questioning the integrity of a system that allows an applicant, the Queensland Government, to have two representatives namely the Hons Yvette D'Ath and Mark Furner, on the Forum that will decide on the applications approval.

FSANZ was established under the Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991. FSANZ's unsubstantiated guess that eating irradiated fruit and vegetables will have no effect on us contraves the object of the Act which is 'to ensure a high standard of public health protection'. One of the goals of the act is 'an effective transparent and accountable regulatory framework'. The rushed nature of this application has denied transparency to the general public. For these reasons I call on you to reject A1193 and to rescind all previous irradiation approvals. I look forward to hearing your response to my concerns.

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