

## Submission To the Food Labelling Review Panel.

I request that the government legislates for full labelling of foods containing any product of genetic modification technology.

This needs to include refined products such as oils, sugars, starches, flavours, colours, and processing aids; and to include the products of animals (eg honey, eggs, meat, milk, butter) fed genetically modified feeds.

This requirement needs to include products sold at food outlets such as cafes, takeaways and restaurants.

Such products do indeed contain traces of GM DNA and GM protein, and may contain other flow-on effects of GM technology that are not currently known because they are not currently tested for.

Like many of the informed public, I have no confidence in the approval procedures of FSANZ.

That FSANZ continues to approve GM foods that have been withdrawn overseas confirms me in my view that their approval procedure is mere rubber stamping. One example is Maize LY038, approved by FSANZ in 2007, which has been linked with Alzheimers, diabetes and cancer (I draw your attention to <http://www.bioscienceresource.org/news/article.php?id=43>).

The processes that they protest to be "rigorous and thorough" have been demonstrated many times to be flawed (I draw your attention to [http://www.gmfreecymru.org/news/Press\\_Notice9Nov2009.htm](http://www.gmfreecymru.org/news/Press_Notice9Nov2009.htm)).

Although products of GM technology have been linked to severe food allergies and health effects in the past (Starlink corn and GM Tryptophan for just two examples), there is still no post-market monitoring of health effects in consumers. FSANZ farms this responsibility out to the producers of the foods, which I consider risible and a gross negligence.

For these reasons I request that consumers be informed about GM ingredients on food labels, so that they can do their own monitoring of their families' health in response to the introduction of GM ingredients in foods; so that they can easily avoid GM where desired.

FSANZ behaves more like the sales office of biotechnology company than a regulatory body serving the health and wellbeing of the Australian public.

Now is the time to fix that mistake.

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