

Submission to Food Standards Australia New Zealand

Re: Application A1192 (MON87429 corn line)

On behalf of my family, neighbours, friends, and myself, I thank you for providing this opportunity for me and us to contribute a submission regarding the proper course of action on Application A1192 (MON87429 corn line).

FSANZ has failed to make a full and prudent assessment, failing to require 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 inadequate information and insufficient research and relies on inaccurate and purely theoretical data. Furthermore, FSANZ has missed or selectively overlooked data that reveals problems with the applicant's product.

The very *raison d'être* of this novel corn germ-line is to produce a plant that can survive spraying with up to twelve different pesticides. The only possible reason for such a seed is that farmers will proceed to spray their crops with many different pesticides, thus exposing consumers in New Zealand and Australia to increased levels of toxic chemicals. Allowing a food to be sprayed with a cocktail of toxic herbicides which have a history of chronic health effects is irresponsible and endangers 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

As you will be aware, the seed of the corn in the subject application is coated with a neonicotinoid insecticide. Neonicotinoids have been shown to be extremely harmful to bee populations and have not been conclusively demonstrated to be safe for humans.

FSANZ must prioritise standards that ensure food is fresh, safe, wholesome, and pesticide free. Foods that are genetically modified, highly processed, and grown with pesticides are known to undermine the human immune system making consumers more vulnerable to illness.

Do the right thing, and deny Application A1192 forthwith. You will thereby simultaneously contribute to the good health of the people of New Zealand and Australia and demonstrate your individual and organizational integrity. In the meantime, I am

Cordially yours,