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Please reject any MRL increase of pesticides in food.

From "The Monsanto Papers", the collective set of internal communications given in evidence under oath in hundreds of lawsuits against Monsanto currently underway in the US, it is now known that the company has known that their products are unsafe and that they have been deceiving the public, politicians, scientists, regulators and media.

Investigative journalist for Reuters and now US Right to Know, Carey Gillam has drawn on court documents and witness statements in her 2017 book "Whitewash; The Story Of A Weed Killer, Cancer, and the Corruption of Science" referring in particular to the ubiquitous glyphosate-based herbicide Roundup.

Similarly, The Monsanto Tribunal in The Hague in 2016 heard evidence from witnesses, scientists and lawyers around the world about the harm caused to people's health, environment and businesses by GM crops and/or associated agrichemicals.

The panel of judges, international legal experts, concluded Monsanto was guilty of Human Rights Violations, especially the Rights of the Child to basic human needs of clean food, water and air.

And if and when Ecocide is recognised as an International Crime Against Humanity, Monsanto would be guilty of that also.

André Leu in his book "The Myths of Safe Pesticides" presents science-based argument why there are no safe levels for children.

US Professor Philip Landrigan studies reproductive health and finds "the dose is the poison" in some cases, but in others, it is inversely so.

With endocrine disrupting chemicals, the tiniest doses can be most toxic and cause the most damage to neural pathways and the developing foetus.

<https://www.perthnow.com.au/sport/perth-stadium/optus-stadium-lead-debate-expert-backs-water-test-methods-ng-b88769600z>

M1015 has been requested by the agrichemical multinationals and US food companies. When Australia already has Health Budget blowouts, Private Health Insurance premiums increasingly unaffordable, NCDs on the rise with more than half the deaths from non-communicable diseases, children presenting with adult diseases at an earlier age, an allergy and asthma epidemic in children (Ref: Dr Susan Prescott), and mental illness on the rise, it is obviously an unhealthy trend to have chemical corporations driving our food system.

FSANZ typically has not required or reviewed animal feeding toxicology studies nor done pre- or post-release public health studies.

Rather than followup the two peer-reviewed long-term animal feeding toxicology studies by Professor Gilles-Eric Seralini and Dr Judy Carman, or set their scientific parameters as a revised minimum benchmark for safety risk assessments, FSANZ unfairly and wrongfully discredited and buried them with erroneous argument to avoid reviewing FSANZ's previous approvals.

The crude theoretical measure of Average Daily Intake in a couple of age groups is entirely inadequate for a robust & reliable risk assessment.

There is no valid justification for allowing MRLs in food to be increased.

Any increase of MRLs in food must be rejected.

With thanks,

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