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1. Assessment Report Number: proposal number P1035

2. Assessment Report Title: Beer labelling

3. Organisation Name:

4. Organisation Type: Individual

5. Representing: Renee Lea

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12. Submission Text: I write to support proposal number P1035. Since being diagnosed in 2009 with Coeliac Disease I have found that the life of someone with Coeliacs is full of stress, anxiety and the need to constantly be vigilant about what I eat. Of course this is not only the direct consumption of gluten but any thing that may have been contaminated. Eating out is a nightmare- there is nothing enjoyable about it, there is always worry. Alongside this is the isolation that occurs from not always being able to eat alongside your friends and family. Small things like being able to buy beer that is clearly labelled 'gluten free' makes all the difference. This takes away the anxiety and the worry because it tells me- you won't get sick eating/drinking me! What a difference this makes to know I can consume a product that might not make me have agonising stomach cramps and pains like I'm being cut with a knife, aching joints like you have the worst flu in the world, brain fog that lasts for days, a stomach that makes me look consistently pregnant.... the list of awful symptoms of this disease can go on....! It also means though that I can drink my clearly labelled 'gluten free' beer alongside my friends and family. I can participate without worry and this means a lot. Being able to identify clearly that something is 'gluten free' is a safety net for people like myself that suffer with an awful disease. Taking clear labelling away increases risk and detrimental long term health problems. KEEP THE LABELS!!

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