

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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This Petition from the undersigned residents of Australia, requests labels on all foods containing Genetically Modified (GM) ingredients, and a freeze on all GM approvals by Food Standards Australia & New Zealand (FSANZ)

Draws to the Attention of the House that: in-depth & independent scientific data published in peer-reviewed journals has found GM organisms have long term health and safety impacts on experimental animals, in our food and on our farms. The FSANZ assessment regime excludes evidence of such potential harm from its assessments and does not require materials made using GM techniques to be proven safe "beyond reasonable doubt". We have the right to know if our food contains ingredients derived from GM organisms and to have GM-free diets.

We therefore ask the House to:

1. Freeze all new applications for transgenic GM foods while: FSANZ safety assessment regime is aligned with the European Food Safety Authority methods; and past approvals are reassessed;
2. Require full labelling of all foods made using GM techniques including processed products such as: vegetable oils, starches and sugars; and the meat, milk and eggs from animals fed GM feed; and;
3. Remove exemptions from GM labelling requirements in Food Standard 1.5.2 so any trace of a GM organism in a foodstuff, stock feed or seed must be fully and clearly labelled as GM in origin.