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Dear Minister,

We are writing to you in regard to DOW GM Soy Application A1073, approved by FSANZ 13-2-13 and seek a meeting with you in regards to our outstanding concerns.

We are aware that “The COAG Legislative and Governance Forum” on Food Regulation (the Forum), will be signing off to approve Application A1073, by early May. (link below)

We ask urgently that you advocate at the next COAG Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation for a "Stop the Clock" clause, which would delay the final approval for DOW GM Soy A1073. [1]

Feeding studies on the soybean must be carried out in line with the EU Standing Committee on the Food Chain : the compulsory requirement for toxicological testing.

By making decisions about GM foods without considering essential scientific data on the health impacts of those foods, FSANZ and the Forum will have denied the public fundamental information about the food they are eating.

If DOW GM Soy A1073 is approved here, the Forum may be opening Australia up to litigation, should negative health effects be discovered subsequently in feeding trials.

New GM foods and their increasingly complex structure allow consumers to eat a range of insecticides and herbicide resistance proteins which may cause serious harm to certain individuals and have long term impacts on public health.

A lack of feeding studies and absence of any data to inform the risk analysis of GM foods cannot underpin an expert assessment for safety.

Toxicity concerns and dangers to health from the medium-term ingestion of GM foods have been addressed by independently published studies as well as in previous submitted data.

Already approved by FSANZ are A1042 DOW Corn (2011) and A1046 DOW GM Soy (2011) These crops can be sprayed with 2,4-D and quizalofop P.

DOW GM Soy A1073 is engineered to be sprayed with 2,4-D, glyphosate and glufosinate.

The EFSA Toxicological file shows that the three chemicals associated with the DOW GM products have deleterious effects on developmental and reproductive health. [2]

We ask that you act immediately to “stop the clock” until the requisite feeding data is provided, in light of the continuing absence of information on the effects that this food may have on our health.

Yours sincerely,

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Alliance member group

[1] http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/_srcfiles/A1073%20GM%20Soybean%20DAS-4406-6%20AAR%20FINAL.pdf

[2] IV ANSES <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/392e.htm>

Toxicological details of 2,4-D section 1485-1524 (A1073) Glyphosate 1698 -1713 (A1073) , quizalofop -P 542 - 618 (A1042, A1046)

Cc – Minister C. Foss

Minister N. Kaye

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