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To whom it may concern,

I would like to register the concern our whole family has regarding the irradiation of fruit and vegies. We are a farming family, fourth generation. As well I am also an occupational therapist working with children who have many difficulties facing them, often attributed to modern foods. This is not a light issue to expose food that will be eaten to radiation. Although you are attempting to control fruit fly worms, extend shelf life and neutralise but not remove some contaminants, we have concerns about the detrimental effects. Some vitamins and nutrients are affected and at some radiation doses, toxins and carcinogens may be created. Food needs to be real. If it is rotten or has attracted fruit flies then let those effects really exist rather than trying to mask them and cause loss of goodness, and potentially harmful effects.

At the very least we as primary producers sincerely request that this practice have good, honest labelling. As primary producers we are expected to have very high standards, and we expect those high standards should exist during all processes from bringing our produce to tables where families and children eat. Some families may have special reasons for wishing to avoid irradiated food e.g. perhaps they have a child with cancer and wish to be careful with their food choices. Please, consider your responsibility to all Australians and insist on good, honest labelling for irradiated food.

Thanking you for your time,

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