

Comments on Proposed AgVet Pesticide Reform Laws Dec 2012

To Whom It May Concern

The proposed laws are severely flawed for the following reasons

1. Absence of strong **Precautionary Principle** for the protection of people and environment e.g. The Wingspread Precautionary Principle (1998)
2. No requirement for the use of **“Green Chemistry”** or **“Sustainable Chemistry”** (SHEN) The 12 principles of **“Green Chemistry”** published by Paul Anastas and John Warner
3. There are **no safe levels of poisons** therefore the concept of **“Minimum allowable levels of pesticides is deeply flawed”** In our environment there are thousands of minimum allowable levels which create a toxic cocktail far more lethal than the original individual chemicals. To allow any amount of poison to contaminate us, the people and our environment is a denial of **Human Rights**. We the people were not asked or consulted! Who gave permission to any authority to do this? **Not We The People**

4. Reduce substantially the number and volume of chemicals in use. Only allow ones which have proven their safety to humans and the environment. Efficacy is only secondary to this, with alternative actions required rather than using chemicals (poisons)
5. The same rules must apply to all. Why are the mining and coal seam gas industries allowed to pump unthinkable and dangerous chemicals into the ground , where our subterranean water basins are being contaminated with chemicals which never breakdown in our life spans or generations which proceed us? This is very short sighted. I repeat everyone should be subject to well scrutinized practices -
NO EXEMPTIONS

CONCLUSIONS

If as a bare minimum my recommendations cannot be achieved, then these are not the laws of **We the People** but the **Laws of Corporations**

I for one will not recognize or validate them

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