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National Organic Standard Bill 2024 Submission

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Executive Summary

- Although I do not disagree with a standard for food that has been grown under more natural conditions, I do disagree with the concept of reserving the word 'organic' to exclusively describe food produced by these methods although all organisms are organic. A new term needs to be devised to describe food produced by this method.
- To deem that from the date of the bill passing into law that any other food not produced by these methods is to be no longer organic is incorrect and misleading.

Background

- I am just an ordinary consumer who has no issues with most methods of food production, but appreciates the desire by some consumers to purchase food that have been produced only by naturally occurring processes .

Impacts

- Although the term 'organic' has progressively become used to describe food that is produced through specific controls it has always been misleading by inferring that any other food is inorganic.
- All other organically derived foods could be sold as organic because that by definition in our language is what they really are.
- An alternate could be 'organically farmed'
- Perhaps an anagram or combination of words 'orgnatic' organic and natural?

Conclusion

- I have no issue with the bill to introduce regulations on defining the process used to produce food stuffs, but I do have an issue with misleading terminology enacted as law through parliament.