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Primary Production Committee
Komiti Whiriwhiri Take Ahumatua

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**Petition of Jade Steel: Do not raise
glyphosate limits in New Zealand food**

Presented to the House of Representatives
by Miles Anderson, Chairperson

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Petition of Jade Steel

Recommendation

The Primary Production Committee has considered the petition of Jade Steel—Do not raise glyphosate limits in New Zealand food—and recommends that the House take note of its report.

Request that the Government not raise glyphosate limits

This petition was signed by 33,282 people. It was presented to the House by Steve Abel on 19 August 2025 and transferred to us on 11 December 2025, and requests:

That the House of Representatives urge the Government not to increase glyphosate residue limits in food, and to hold an independent reassessment of glyphosate's safety and long-term effects on public health and the environment.

Comments from the petitioner

The petitioner provided a written submission. It emphasised the public health and environmental risks posed by use of the herbicide glyphosate in farming. She highlighted that the agrochemical can be found not just in soil and fields, but in water sources too, thereby exposing individuals to more glyphosate than they may realise. The petitioner was concerned about a proposed increase in glyphosate limits, and cited scientific uncertainty around the long-term effects of exposure to glyphosate.

Briefing on glyphosate residue limits

This matter is also of interest to us as a committee. We initiated a briefing on glyphosate residue limits on 18 September 2025, in response to correspondence from Mr Warwick Jones and others concerned about proposals by the Ministry for Primary Industries to change residue limits. As part of our briefing, we held a hearing with the ministry, including the Deputy Director-General, New Zealand Food Safety.

The ministry's written response, and a recording of the hearing, can be found on the Parliament website.

The ministry's decision on glyphosate

After consulting with stakeholders, industry officials, and the public, the ministry decided not to increase the maximum residue levels (0.1mg/kg) for glyphosate in wheat, barley, and oats. A review of over 3,100 submissions made clear that an increasing number of agricultural contracts require low, or no, traces of glyphosate residue in crops. New labelling requirements will also ensure that glyphosate can no longer be applied directly onto crops for human consumption.

Our response to the petition

Based on the ministry's decision not to increase maximum glyphosate residue levels, we are satisfied that the petitioner's requests have been met. We have no further matters to bring to the attention of the House. We recommend that the House take note of our report.

Appendix

Committee procedure

The petition was signed by 33,282 people on the Parliament website. It was presented to the House by Steve Abel on 19 August 2025 and referred to us on 11 December 2025. We met between 19 February 2026 and 3 September 2026 to consider it.

Committee members

Miles Anderson (Chairperson)
Steve Abel
Rachel Boyack
Mark Cameron
Dana Kirkpatrick
Hon Jo Luxton
Suze Redmayne

Related resources

The documents we received as evidence in relation to this petition are available on the [Parliament website](#).

A recording of our hearing on the briefing on glyphosate residue limits can be accessed online on [the Parliament website](#).

The written submission received from the ministry on the briefing on glyphosate residue limits can be accessed online on [the Parliament website](#).

The ministry's statement regarding its decision not to increase maximum glyphosate residue levels can [be found here](#).