

Protecting Pregnancy & Newborn Health: Why These Bills Matter

Two proposed NZ laws could increase glyphosate in our food by up to 100x and deregulate genetically engineered crops designed to withstand more pesticides.

Glyphosate (sold as Roundup) is the world's most widely used herbicide. Independent research links it to serious risks for pregnant women, unborn babies, and newborns — even at levels currently considered “safe”.

What the Science Shows

Pesticides in Breast Milk

A 2023 study in India found pesticides in mothers' breast milk were linked to over 100 newborn deaths in one district in under a year.

[Beyond Pesticides, 2023]

Shorter Pregnancies & Development Risks

A 2022 US study found glyphosate in 99% of pregnant women tested. Higher levels were linked to shorter pregnancies, a known risk factor for long-term developmental issues.

[Environmental Health, 2022]

Birth Defects & Miscarriage

Research in Argentina's high-glyphosate farming regions found miscarriage rates more than 3x the national average and congenital abnormalities 2–3x higher.

Prenatal Brain & Behaviour Impacts

Animal studies show glyphosate exposure during pregnancy can cause autism-like behaviours in offspring and damage brain development.

Why This Matters for NZ

- NZ already has some of the highest cancer rates in the world — increasing pesticide residues will only add to our health burden.
- Many countries — including France, Germany, Austria, and Thailand — are reducing or banning glyphosate to protect public health.
- We should be lowering exposure, not increasing it.

What You Can Do

1. Sign the Petition: www.change.org/noharmtofood
2. Share the Facts: Help raise awareness before it's too late.
3. Write to Your MP: Tell them you oppose these bills.

For Our Health. For Our Children. For Our Future.

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