



# Food Intolerance Network

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Greg Benstead  
Business Manager  
Woolworths  
1 Woolworths Way  
Bella Vista NSW 2153

Dear Greg

I understand from some of our 3,900 members that Woolworths are no longer going to be stocking Great Lakes Pears in syrup.

This is a product that many of our members rely upon since it is the only canned fruit which is low in salicylates, a natural food chemical that some people react to with irritability, restlessness, sleep disturbance, various behavioural problems and some physical symptoms. Pears canned in fruit juice are too high in salicylates to be substituted.

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Yours faithfully

Dr Howard Dengate FAICD