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Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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① The economic impacts on Victoria on
the moratorium on GM Canola.

- Conventional farmers growing GM free
canola have been paid a premium of
\$120 per tonne on world markets.

- Because of Australia's GE free canola
status exports have not been threatened
by contamination, therefore ensuring a
good economic market.

- The continued development of the
organic industry has ensured farmers
a premium for their products, therefore
increasing farm viability.

- The cost of segregating crops has
not been a burden on the farming
community.

② If the G.M. Ban expires.

- If the moratorium were to expire the
economic impact would be detrimental to
to Victoria's agricultural industry. For
example the bee industry could come under
threat. This in turn would impact on the
entire crop industry due to lack of
pollination.

- The destruction of the organic

industry, which has shown environmental responsibility, would incur severe economic losses. Then probably phase out completely.

- Increased cost of weed control, due to cross pollination and contamination of roundup tolerant weeds, would impact on farmers' incomes.

- The costs of segregating non GM crops would become an economic impossibility. This in turn would bring devastating legal processes for the farmers if GM contamination is discovered on their properties.

③ Extension of the moratorium.

- Farmers will retain the option of larger markets locally and overseas.

- Time is imperative for governments to do more research into the detrimental effects of GM crops.

- The organic market will continually increase and develop economically. Also it will give the public consumers a choice of products locally and overseas.

- The moratorium should be extended

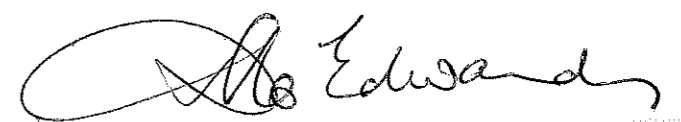
to 2013. This will ensure the government's ability to assess the economic advantage of Australia's clean, green, GM free reputation.

- This reputation has been increasing both locally and overseas, which in turn guarantees a sort after market.

- GM markets have not grown economically overseas. Many promises of healthier foods, drought and salt tolerant crops, longer shelf life have not come into fruition.

- Australian businesses with GE free seed supplies will suffer economically as Monsanto and Bayer will have a monopoly in this distribution.

Yours faithfully
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