

Submission Cover Sheet

# Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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## WHY THE GM MORATORIUM SHOULD NOT BE LIFTED YET

*It defies logic to allow large multinational companies to launch their products in Australia.*

The only people who stand to gain from these **products** are the suppliers of them.

In fact the release of these **products** will cause increased expenditure for farmers:-

who will have to buy the **product** each year at non negotiable prices

who will see no long term increased productivity

and who will certainly see no profitability which will instead be enjoyed by suppliers.

The cost to Australia is enormous particularly as the new technology pays scant regard for the soil microbiology, the environment or the long term future of agriculture

## WHAT SHOULD OUR GOVERNMENT DO?

*The government should be funding the development of sustainable farming practices.*

It is a well known fact that the organics industry is the fastest sector of agriculture. It is not so well known by those outside the industry of the benefits provided by farming organically.

All that **GM promises** – drought resistance, less weeds higher yields and better returns can be delivered by organic farming – and more.

In fact organic farming can reduce water use by up to 70%, uses less fertilizers, uses no weedicides, pesticides or harmful chemical drenches. It is an environmentally friendly practice which increases the soil biology, the true foundation of farming healthily.

## WHO AM I?

My name is Helen Disler and I have been working with farmers for over 30 years and helping them farm more profitably and productively – the aim of all farmers. Over the years more and more farmers have come to realize that there is more to farming than just adding fertilizers to increase production. Farmers are realizing that it is getting the soil healthy is the key to productive and profitable farming. They are keen to learn how to do this so that their farms are viable for future generations. GM will do nothing to address this. In fact GM will only create more expenses and problems for farmers to deal with. Farmers do not need to be squeezed any further.

**PLEASE DELAY LIFTING THE BAN ON GM PRODUCTS**