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# Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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REVIEW OF CANOLA BAN

I am concerned about the economic impacts on Victoria if the moratorium on commercial GM Canola ban were to be removed.

I hold this belief because –

- we benefit from being considered to be a country that provides quality in food products. This can be seen time and time again with successful marketing campaigns supporting many food products exported world wide from a small place called Tasmania;
- this provides high demand for quality food from shopper groups that are prepared to pay a premium for such product;
- ABARE,2007 reported premiums of up to A\$120/tonne for GM-free canola;
- More pathogens in GM Canola that need more spraying do not present for me a picture of a healthy environment that would produce a quality food product;
- Australia without GM Canola has a competitive advantage over GM growers in North and South America and we should strive to maintain that;
- Australia should continue to develop GM free conventional foods and organic foods and sell these foods at premium prices.

I also believe the moratorium should be extended until at least the year 2013 because-

- over 80% of the worlds Canola production in 20 countries is GM free;
- only Canada and the USA grow GM herbicide tolerant Canola and production has not increased since 1999;
- only three countries sold Canola in world markets in 2006, Canada, USA and Australia. Australia is the only GM free seller at got premiums of up to A\$120/tonne over the past 2 years. We should keep this competitive advantage.

I trust you will seriously consider the above issues and extend the moratorium for the benefit of Australia.

Yours Sincerely  
Terry Clement  
15 August 2007