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Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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Subject: GM Crop Ban [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Sir,

I feel very strongly that the ban on GM crops should be extended to 2013 as a minimum. There are no benefits to the consumer from GM crops, debatable benefits to some farmers and negative impacts on the environment, organic and conventional primary producers and consumer choice. The only benefits are to the corporate bottom line of the seed producers.

GM crops have not been able to be successfully segregated from conventional anywhere. When GM contamination occurs the costs will be pushed onto those choosing not to use GM - no polluter pays principle here! The inevitability of GM contamination will result in the loss of GM free premiums for Australia's produce overseas and higher costs and loss of choice for consumers seeking GM free food here. Nobody actually seeks GM food in preference to conventional, so why should we permit the choice to be removed?

Cheers,

Greg Flanagan