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Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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GM Canola Review Panel,
Department of Primary Industry,
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Cc The Premier.



Dear Panel Members,

I am writing to urge you to extend the moratorium on the development of GM Canola crops in Victoria.

The implementation of GM products will do enormous harm to this state and indeed Australia in that my family believes that GM products are not safe for human use or the environment.

This is not a marketing challenge for your industry or indeed the Government to make us aware of the safety or need for such a product. We have investigated this issue and support wholeheartedly the case against implementing GM products.

Given the extra costs involved in the GM industry in respect to storage, transport and marketing we see no overall benefit of why our Government would support this industry which will not be to the benefit of farmers or the environment – but mainly the corporations who are so successful in pushing this product.

The answer to the strengthening potential of GM food products to weeds and climate change is that more sustainable farming practices are urgently needed rather than the quick fix and high technological approach represented by the GM industry.

Believe me that we as a family will be strident in not using GM products, despite the no doubt weak response of this pro-business government to refuse to label foods adequately to allow real choice by consumers.

I look forward to your response,

Sam Gaylard

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