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Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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To the Review Panel:

Australia could be the last - and only - continent on the planet not involved in the production of trans-genetically engineered food crops.

Worldwide there is a growing awareness of the impact we make on eco-systems of all kinds, and awareness of the benefits and also some of the potential hazards of biotechnology is increasing too.

There is no objection to the science per se - far from it; it is the transfer of genes from one form of life to another that arouses repugnance.

As existing plants and animals of commercial value are progressively replaced by "novel events" (patented) and it becomes ever more difficult to procure the foods with which humanity has co-evolved, Australia could find itself the sole remaining source.

Think ahead and think big. Don't be persuaded to burn bridges at this juncture by a premature and injudicious abandonment of the moratorium just when we may be on the cusp of expanding markets, even, and perhaps especially, to the place of origin of rDNA.

That is where the numbers and the money are.
Yours faithfully
Mona Rule.