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Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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Dear Sirs/Mesdames

I am writing as a concerned citizen of victoria to support the extension of the ban on GM canola.

Maintenance of this ban will allow Victorian farmers to continue to command premium prices for GM free canola.

Global sales of GM canola have stalled since 1999. By maintaining the status quo here in victoria, we avoid the problems and associated costs involved in testing and segregating the canola. We allow our organic and biodynamic production to expand without fear of contamination. Finally we avoid becoming fee payers to the giant agribusiness multinationals. Few if any of the proposed benefits of GM crops have materialised- please don't let us be sucked in to this. Food shortages in the third world, or blindness due to vitamin a deficiency will not be fixed by GM crops- only equitable distribution of food, and social justice will.

thank you

Yours Sincerely

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