

Submission Cover Sheet

Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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Dear Sir

This is my submission in response to the state review of the moratorium on genetically engineered food crops.

I am appalled that the Victorian government is going to lift the current ban. I can not understand the need to move before all the facts concerning safety are know. Cigarettes were for decades considered safe. Have we learnt nothing. If introduced my choice to consume or not is basically taken away from me due to contamintaion possibilities. I strongly urge you to stop genetically engineered (GE) canola from contaminating our food, by recommending the extension of the current moratorium on GE food crops.

Cigarettes, cane toads etc etc etc when will we learn? I believe that the current moratorium on GE food crops should be extended for the following reasons:

I don't want GE

The majority of informed Australians don't want GE food. Contamination is inevitable and segregation impossible. GE crops will not benefit farmers

GE crops will harm non-GE farmers

GE crops will risk markets

GE crops cannot be recalled

Once GE crops are released into the environment they cannot be recalled. As living organisms they can reproduce and pollute indefinitely.

The introduction of GE canola to Australia would result in unacceptable risks to our farmers and markets, to say nothing of the risk to our health and the environment. I strongly urge you to recommend the extension of the state GE food crop moratorium by 5 years and the labelling of all GE food, including oils and products from animals fed GE feed.

Yours sincerely
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