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# Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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GM. Canola Review Panel Secretariat,  
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Dear Sir,

I would like to submit the following comments, firstly with regard to keeping the moratorium.

- Keeping the moratorium opens up vast long term opportunities. With a forward thinking govt Vic could be at the forefront of bioscience to promote and enhance our clean and green, no one has been excluded from markets for this.
- Encourage further change in farming environmental practice to reduce the dependence on O/seas Companies and herbicides, keep more money and jobs in Vic ,protect our environment and create a point of difference.
- As a small player in the world market it is much smarter and profitable to supply a neiche market that few others can and enhance our natural advantage.
- This makes much more economic sense than joining the subsidized rest of the world and having farmers degrading the land and going broke, suicide, reduced employment opp etc.” You cant be green when youre in the red”
- GM Cos refuse to provide full details of any adverse research findings and cant be trusted. The f ollowing web address makes interesting reading.[www.gmfrecymru.org/news/Press\\_Notice16Feb2007.htm](http://www.gmfrecymru.org/news/Press_Notice16Feb2007.htm)
- You don't want to do something that will exclude you from a market, as that reduces competition and reduces price.
- NO one has been locked out of a market because its GM free!!
- Our success with clean,green produce , for example ,red meat into Japan and Korea, a huge point of difference in these fickle markets, and we have emergeing markets nearby coming on stream with similar requirements.

LIFTING THE MORATORIUM.

- Can Vic afford to subsidise farmers and rural communities like in competeing countries that is often talked about. We are not the same ,our environment and soils are much more fragile . We have to work on a much lower cost basis because of lack of financial support, distance from markets, climate irregularities etc.
- This adversely affects most farmers, not just grain growers, most don't realize this.
- Increased cost of grain handling due to segregation and quality control.
- Increased cost to govt in the future of increased health services across the country due to health problems from this food .See website listed above,also;  
[www.rowett.ac.uk/gmo/ajp.htm](http://www.rowett.ac.uk/gmo/ajp.htm)

[www.agbioworld.org/biotech-info/articles/biotech-art/pusztai-picnic.html](http://www.agbioworld.org/biotech-info/articles/biotech-art/pusztai-picnic.html)  
[www.news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/291105.stm](http://www.news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/291105.stm)  
[www.lobbywatch.org/profile1.asp?PrId=113](http://www.lobbywatch.org/profile1.asp?PrId=113)

- **Loss of independence to farmers becoming controlled for seed, inputs, markets into the hands of US companies.**
- **Loss of development of local seed suited to the environment, production of even more monoculture systems which are detrimental to the environment..**
- **Legislation is morally wrong and should be repealed. Liability should lie with the seed manufacturer not the grower.**
- **None of the stated advantages have been proven in independent tests compared to our current varieties ie. drought tolerance, salinity, frost etc. We have many other more friendly solutions, for this.**
- **The allowable limit of Glyphosate in our food has been increased about ten fold to allow for these crops to be eaten.**

There are many other issues that should be considered which are outside this narrow review, another day,

Yours Faithfully,  
John Poynton.