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Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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Subject please keep victoria GM free!!

Dear Review Panel and Premier Brumby

I am an organic grower of olives on beautiful French Island in Western Port, producing NASAA-certified organic extra virgin olive oil.

I am writing to ask you to please defend the state ban on herbicide tolerant GM canola. Contamination of organic and GM -free foods is otherwise inevitable (as accepted by GM supporters) which would negatively impact on the integrity of organic and other GM-free foods. Non-GM growers are likely to have to shoulder the burden of identifying and managing any such contamination.

Supporters of GM technology say we will be left behind if we don't jump on the GM band-wagon, but I strongly disagree with this - Victoria (and Australia) could command premium prices by maintaining GM-free status and further developing its organic, 'clean/green' market.

Again, I urge you to please uphold the state ban on GM growing!

Thank you for your response.

Regards

Jane Unwin

French Island Olives