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Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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Dear Premiers and GM review board,

No one really knows the possible detrimental effects of GM food on our health and the environment therefore a GM ban is essential.

If GM gets the go-ahead then it will be impossible to guarantee that organic or locally grown food is GM-free.

Genetic engineering is unreliable, unsafe and proven to be completely unnecessary. We are given no independent research about the safety of GM food – the testing is carried out by the very biotech companies that have the most to gain from results that say GM food is safe.

Growing GM crops also threatens wildlife, nature and the production of organic, biodynamic and conventional GM free foods. Contamination is inevitable and more pesticides will be used and this will cause more health problems as well as cause environmental harm.

GM food is NOT required or essential to feed the world. The GM industry says it will feed the world's poor, but this seems inherently wrong - the biotech companies invested in the production and sale of GM food are companies - their ultimate purpose is to generate increasing profits - not to provide for the basic needs of communities.

The most dangerous outcome is the effect on our health and that of our children's as widespread damage will be caused through contamination and increased pesticide use.

Banning GM foods is crucial to remaining a safe and healthy nation and I strongly oppose GM foods in every aspect (from use in grains for animal feed to oils). GM derived seeds should be permanently banned from being grown or imported into Australia as well as a ban on GM foods for human and animal consumption.

We have the right to choose to eat safe, stay well and healthy through a clean and safe real food – naturally!

Thank you,

Sonia Di Teodoro