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To whom it may concern:

I am a practitioner specialising in complementary therapies since 15 years. I know that many of my clients would support me in what I am saying. I have also completed a science degree recently which involved very close academic scrutiny of the scientific evidence base regarding the advantages and disadvantages of genetically modified crops.

To put it briefly I came away feeling that it sounds great but we really need to see more concrete evidence of advantages and Australia needs to look at the worldwide situation economically as well as the experiences of other nations. Eg in USA there are litigation cases involving vast amounts of resources in relation to contamination of non GE crops (which many people/countries prefer to buy). In Europe people are demanding GE free food. Can we supply this easily ? Will this be affected ?

Any claims that Genetically modified crops will provide more, better cheaper food and benefit farmers, underprivileged populations and our economy are simply misleading and ungrounded and speculative. They are also heavily involved with specific economic interests.

There may well be potential advantages but until we really know for sure I suggest you postpone introducing GE canola and any other foods for a little longer until realistically informed decisions can be made.

Yours sincerely
Rupa Selecki