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# Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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Subject Moratorium on GM seeds.

Dear GM Canola Review Panel Secretariat, (Department of Primary Industries)

As a marketer and wholesaler of organic foods my request for the continuation of the moratorium on GM seeds is to do with marketing advantage.

Why should we compete in the GM market when we can have a competitive advantage as a GM free producer.

If we begin to grow GM crops it will close markets to our farmers and lose the price difference that is available for a differentiated product.

Is the government going to intercede in the IP rights of GM seed suppliers when the farmers are restricted seed stock from their own harvest, and if the pro GM forces are successful in having GM crops grown in Australia, will they also accept the incidental costs of clean up if the experiment fails?

The entire GM debate is based on incomplete data relating to foreign climates and soil types and as such I believe we should keep things as they are until a marketing impact study has been completed.

Please reconsider your position on this important issue and extend moratoria.

Yours sincerely,

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