

Submission Cover Sheet

Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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Dear Sir

Please find to follow my submission to the state review of the moratorium on genetically engineered food crops.

I eat organic food where possible, and I find it tastes significantly better. I prefer to buy organic because I know where it comes from and that the farmers who grow it believe in what they are doing. I buy my fruit and vegetables from organic food stores, some markets and small independent supermarkets that stock organically grown produce. I have noticed any fruit and vegetable I do buy from a supermarket has a lot less flavour than organic produce and is brightly coloured and hard (to prevent damage in transit) but lacking in both texture and taste.

Local Australian growers are already competing with Chinese exporters (as well as other markets like American), who often provide a substandard quality of food (just like in clothing and other goods). The lack of high export standards and quality control in overseas markets is disappointing to me, and indicates an economic rationalism that is anathema to good long-term farming practice. The short-sightedness of approving genetically engineered growing is obvious to many farmers.

I don't want to have only one choice of what type of food to eat, but the logical conclusion of genetically engineered food is to have only genetically engineered crops available due to intense competition to produce bulk amounts of food with no concern for quality control.

The organic food I buy is obtained from farmers who believe in what they are doing and shopping at a store local to me fosters a good sense of community.

I strongly urge you to stop genetically engineered (GE) canola from contaminating our food, by recommending the extension of the current moratorium on GE food crops.

Thank you, and best regards, Katie Jacobs

Yours sincerely
Ms Katie Jacobs

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