

Submission Cover Sheet

Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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Dear Review Panel,

It is apparent that monetary gain is of the utmost importance with regard to most political issues these days, therefore I implore you to not lift the gm ban for reasons of such.

By lifting the gm ban on any foods, the cost of segregating foods and untainting the gm free reputation we have on the international market would inevitably rise. I know that all educated people already strive to avoid gm foods, and would be even more cautious to the point of total avoidance of certain food outlets if the faintest threat of contamination existed. This in itself would lead to price increases, and that is just the tip of the iceberg. The public would demand everything to be labelled if containing gm food, and they simply would not buy it. Sounds like a waste of money to me. Any European market would simply cross Australia off their list of exporters. I like to travel, and the reason I avoid America is because they have such a bad reputation for food. I won't go near such a declining country. It is the likes of these pharmaceutical companies that bring it to ruin. We are simply their next victim.

Monopolising the ownership of seed is asking for economic trouble. Insufficient testing of the health aspects of gm canola that could lead to an even sicker population, would add even more to the cost of health. I don't know about you, but I sure as hell don't want higher taxes to pay for preventable mistakes. All substantial profits, in the end, are going to be only made by Monsanto and Bayer anyway. Don't let them fool you into thinking it will add long term profits for the government, because they lead you down a glorious path, only to hit you with the long term costs of segregation, building up of tolerance to the chemicals used (which leads to higher costs of more chemicals (or newer "super", more "expensive" chemical replacements)), and endless costs of decontamination needed by those farmers who strive for natural produce. People want natural produce, and simply won't buy genetically manipulated food.

Monsanto and Bayer are showing you a system that will only be in their favour. All they want to do is control our food. We all need food to live. They know that, and are out to make money only for themselves through the total control of it. They see the government as merely a tool for this purpose.

Please don't lift the ban on gm food crops.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Naylor.