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We wish to thank the Victorian Government for the opportunity to express our views on the current Moratorium on GM Canola that is due to expire on 29 February 2008.

We probably represent the majority of Australians in that we are aware that Genetically Modified Crops are being developed and grown in some parts of the world, and that the big chemical companies like Monsanto are trying to introduce more of these organisms into mainstream broad acre farming. But apart from a basic knowledge of this highly technical and somewhat inaccessible subject to mainstream Australians, we do not have a detailed knowledge of Biotechnology and Gene Technology.

We do however know that the past record for Genetically Modified Crops around the world is good example of how it's impossible to ensure that cross contamination of non-GM crops doesn't occur. Canada is a good example of this and how it lost its EU Canola market to Australia in 1999.

As Australian Citizens, we want the choice to choose not to eat GM crops or products made with GM ingredients. We believe nature shouldn't be tampered with in this way using Gene Technology.

Nobody can predict what the long-term consequences of GM crops will be to people's health or damage to the environment if the moratorium is lifted. Scientific safeguards put in place will not eliminate these unknown long-term risks.

We ask that the Moratorium on GM Canola is extended for at least another 5 years to allow for further study and evaluation of this potentially harmful technology to us and the environment.

Yours Sincerely,

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