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# Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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I am extremely concerned about Round Up ready canola.

In the united States, many farmers have been sued by Monsanto because the GM canola has crossed with canola on their farm - through no fault of their own. I believe that:

- a) the GM Canola gene will readily cross with other canola crops, wanted or not,
- b) that we don't really know what effect this canola has on human health
- c) that Monsanto will sue farmers that have had the gene enter their property and cross with their canola.

It has bee argued that we need GE to feed the world. In fact, we have enough food already, it is not spread evenly. The first world has enough to throw away and the third world doesn't have enogh.

As an organic farmer, I believe we should be moving away from chemical intensive monocultures and towards permaculture, poly cultures and a chemical free farming. This is cheaper for the farmer and safer for the consumer.

If we must have GM foods, we must label them effectively. Many soft drinks sold in Australia have corn syrup used as the sweetener, which, coming from America, is infected with GM corn. But it is not labeled here. We must have enough information to be able to choose GM or not.

The methods that are used to get new genes into Canola use virus and/or bacteria. We do not know the effect of these to humans.

To track the genes, an antibiotic marker is included in the new DNA. We do not know how this antibiotic marker will affect humans.

the only way that the corn industry (corn or otherwise) survives in the USA is by government subsidies. Therefore we cah deduce that there really isn't enough money in growing GM crops, as suggested by Monsanto.

I urge the inquiry to take note of these and other people's objections to GM corn in Australia.

Yours sincerely,  
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