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Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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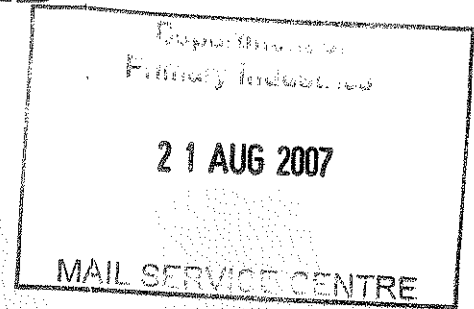
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GM Canola Review Panel Secretariat,
Department of Primary Industries,
GPO Box 4440,
Melbourne Vic. 3001

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the ban on commercial Genetically Manipulated (GM) canola since 2003. I write to urge you to extend the GM ban for a further five years until 2013, at least.

My family, friends and I have several concerns about herbicide tolerant canola. Some of these concerns are:

GM herbicide tolerant canola:

- * Will pollute
- * Is risky – Independent research is needed into the causes of:
- * Infertility reported among GM grain-fed cattle and pigs in the USA
- * Bee Colony Collapse Disorder in the USA and
- * The spread of pathogens such as *Fusarium wilt* and bunchy top in Australian GM cotton.

Extending the commercial GM canola ban would mean Australia could:

- continue to sell all GM-free foods into any market, often at premium prices:
- keep its competitive advantage over North and South America with GM-free
- continue to develop GM-free conventional and organic foods
- **ensuring organic, biodynamic and conventional foods labeled Gm-free were still available.**

There are no good reasons to accept GM canola now. Reconsider the GM canola licences issued in 2003, in the light of new scientific evidence of health and environmental impacts from GM crops and foods.

Please send me a written reply to my letter.

Yours faithfully,

Philomena McCormack