

Dear fellow Australians

## BACKGROUND

I have grown up in a country where freedom and right to choose within the law has given me and my family every opportunity to succeed and enjoy a great life.

We arrived in this country in the 1960's and lived for some time in the immigration centre in Perth before we moved to our first home. Over the next 45 years I have enjoyed the wonderful clean and green environment of WA as a child and an adult with children and grandchildren.

Most of my family are still living and working on the land and proudly produce food from clean healthy pastures with respect for the land. I have spent 30 years teaching science and encouraging young adults to take advantage of the great freedom this country offers them to learn.

## THREATS TO OUR FOOD PRODUCTION

It is clear to many farmers that this is under threat due to the attempted domination of the agricultural industry by corporations who have taken patents over seeds and farm processes.

If you are familiar with the GM crop history in the USA then you will understand what I am talking about. If not watch the video at this address (I have shortened the long URL to give you ease of reading).

Basically it shows how the ownership of the GM organisms has created huge costs and challenges to the farmers who chose to farm with GMO's. Even here in WA the recent contamination of an organic farm (Steve Marsh Kojonup) and his fight with Monsanto and the neighbour who trialled the GM canolla shows what lies ahead if the same happens in Australia.

## THE PARALLEL IN MEDICINE

I can see a parallel from the observation of the frightening connection between big Pharma Companies and manipulation of the treatment and diagnosis of disease in the USA.

Examine the rise of the statin drugs sales and the lowering of the cholesterol levels for treatment as an example. This is despite 900 studies showing statins - do more harm than good.

## WHAT IF THEY CONTROL HUMAN GENES?

My concern is that once human genes and biological materials are controlled by big companies then the situation we have seen with GM canola, corn, beans and such in the USA will be repeated with the medical procedures generated from the research arising from the patents.

We cannot allow such control to be in the hands of a small group of people when the information should be available to all concerned professionals in medical research.

Once corporations and large institutions (including governments) feeding off of them are allowed to control any aspect of the public health system they don't take kindly to others with alternative and effective treatments for disease.

Consider the case of Dr. Burzynski's antineoplaston theory.

"By now many of you are probably thinking that since Dr. Burzynski is using genetics, the medical community must laud and support their efforts. Unfortunately, that's not necessarily so.

Back in the 1990's, the state of Texas tried to take away his medical license, claiming he

was a fraud.

"This was based on complete lack of understanding and scientific ignorance," Dr. Burzynski explains. "Obviously, the people who were persecuting us, most of them did not know what they were doing, but some of them knew very well because they were trying to steal my patents and my invention.

There was a combination of factors. You mentioned State authorities; this was one level of harassment. Another level of harassment was from the Federal government, represented by the FDA. Apparently... it was triggered by a pharmaceutical company, which together with the National Cancer Institute was trying to appropriate our patent. It was very convenient to persecute me and try to put me in prison. "

Extract from

This poor doctor was hounded for years by the pharmaceutical industry and the government bodies despite the fact that he had cancer cure rates up to 15 times greater than chemo and radio-therapy. Why you might ask –because he threatened their hold over the lucrative cancer treating industry they had developed.

If these same institutions get their hands on human genes and biological materials and lock them away then there will be less chance of research benefitting mankind taking place. It will be controlled and manipulated to produce the best financial result for these corporations and their shareholders!

If you understand what GM in the farming industry has done in the USA and is trying to do in Australia, then don't let the same mistakes occur in the medical area. Stop it now by amending the Patent laws.

Yours Kindly

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