

I would like to put forward my request that no GM crops are grown commercially in WA.

No need for this technology as any benefits supposedly provided by it have not been proven nor even generally accepted. e.g. the seed has NOT been developed for greater productivity, it is purely to be resistant to glyphosate or to produce its own pesticide; more herbicide is required as a second and possibly a third spraying is required; the farmers are legally bound to Monsanto through a complex and unfair contract; I understand Monsanto is offering first year special incentive prices to draw farmers in and get GM crops contaminating significant areas of Western Australia.

The potential harm to the environment is significant. Contamination of non GM canola crops, cross-breeding with other plants in the brassica family, road verge weeds which cannot be controlled with glyphosate - the preferred herbicide of most councils, the toxin created by the GM cotton causing unintended harm to insect populations, etc. There are other areas of harm, please listen to the requests of others who write to you.

The potential harm to humans - Independent peer-reviewed research has shown negative health aspects to test animals. There is no independent peer-reviewed research proving there is no harm to animals or humans. Complete restrictions to research of the crops are included in current Monsanto contracts. The extent and breadth of harm to humans is as yet completely **UNKNOWN!**

Please do not encourage GM food consumption, nor deny choice to the population Australia to avoid GM products for their own safety. It is an irresponsible act of Government and its departments to fail to protect the population from potential harm.

Your sincerely,

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