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**SUBMISSION - Review of the Gene Technology Regulations**

I have serious concerns about GMO foods and the use of GMO technology in farming in Australia.

**They are:**

1. Crop Cross-contamination – The danger of crop cross-contamination is too great, particularly for farmers with organic certification. Organic farming is becoming one of Australia’s most thriving and rapidly growing industries. Allowing the farming of GMO crops in Australia will put this market at risk. It will also lead to disputes and legal actions between farmers.
2. Export Markets – The global trend away from GMO technology will leave our farmers without overseas markets for their produce. Farmers not growing GMO produce will also be locked out of the market because of the cross-contamination risk between farms or they will have to undertake costly testing to be accepted into these markets.
3. Consumption of GMOs – The majority of Australians do not want themselves, or their children/families, to consume products which contain GMO ingredients. Current labelling laws for GMO tainted products in Australia, in my opinion, goes against the wishes of the majority of Australian consumers. I have been boycotting all products containing suspect ingredients for many, many years, as I’m sure have many other Australian consumers.
4. Agrochemical Corporate control of Agriculture – It is paramount that agrochemical corporations such as Dow, Syngenta, Bayer and Monsanto DO NOT have total control over agricultural practices in Australia. To allow that to happen, without a system of recourse, is a breach of Australian sovereignty.

It is my express wish for Australia to become a GMO-free country and for the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator to be disbanded IMMEDIATELY.

Sincerely

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