

GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROPS — INDEPENDENT REVIEW

Petition

MS M.J. DAVIES (Central Wheatbelt — Deputy Leader of the National Party) [12.01 pm]: I have a petition with 132 signatures, couched in the following terms —

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned, say that we as a State need to retain the GM Crops Free Areas Act 2003 as an essential part of the national regulatory system to regulate where and what type of GM crops are grown in Western Australia.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to:

1. Call for an independent review of the GM Crops Free Areas Act 2003 by a parliamentary committee, inclusive of all political parties and stakeholders including consumers, in line with the findings of the 2009 review of the Act under Section 19.
2. Support GM-free farming.
3. Urge the WA Government to introduce Farmer Protection Legislation to compensate any non-GM farmer who suffers economic loss from GM contamination.

[See petition 283.]