

GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROPS — INDEPENDENT REVIEW

Petition

MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie–Preston) [9.01 am]: I have a petition that conforms with the standing orders of the house and contains 313 signatures. It reads —

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.

I table the petition.

[See petition 286.]