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To: [Environment and Public Affairs Committee](#)
Subject: Submission to the Inquiry into mechanisms for compensation for economic loss to farmers in Western Australia caused by contamination by genetically modified material
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Dear Committee,

Compensation for economic loss from the negligence of another has been available through the court system for over 400 years, starting in the UK.

A compensation fund would merely attract lawyers and associated vested interest groups. It would pitch neighbour against neighbour. Would the fund be available to GM growers who have weeds encroach from neighbouring farms who are organic and don't control weeds? If not, it is presumptuous and assumes that only GM growers can cause economic loss to another.

Regards

Frank Panizza

I am writing to note that I do not support any new levy on growers or an unnecessary compensation scheme.

I would also like to ensure that the Committee considers the following facts in their deliberations:

1. GM technology has been shown to be safe and effective
2. GM technology has been used globally in agriculture and a range of other fields for decades
3. Other countries have GM and non-GM growers, side by side, without the need for levy schemes or compensation

Kind regards,

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Sent from my iPhone