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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

Date: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 9:19:19 PM

Dear Committee,

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
- 4. Any compensation should be to the GM growers for the financial loss caused by the unfounded denigration of their product which has proven good farming benefits .

Kind regards,

Charles Whitfield.

Sent from my iPad