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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 6:13:44 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. Since the introduction of GM canola it has been extremely beneficial to farmers in lower rainfall zones giving profitable yields and helping to combat herbicide resistant weeds. Kind regards,

Tom Powell

Sent from Samsung tablet