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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:** Friday, 9 February 2018 6:05:52 AM

Dear Committee,

I am writing to express my view that I DO NOT support the introduction of an unnecessary new levy on growers.

The science is in and the facts are clear. GM technology and the foods produced by this method are effective and safe for consumption. There is no other food technology that has been more rigorously tested and scrutinised in human history.

I am a farmer from the Great Southern and have grown eight years of GM and non-GM canola on my farm without any threat of contamination. I continue to grow both due to agronomical advantages of chemical rotation however non-GM canola has never outperformed GM canola.

Please give us the right to choose what is best for our business. The option to grow either should be available to all without unnecessary cost and burden.

I ask that the committee side with science, rather than the emotional plea of the noisy minority.

Regards, Nick Panizza