

In response to the on-going corruption, that is *allowing* genetic engineering and modifications to take place in Australia, I feel the need to urge the government to finally put an end to this practise in its entirety through out the nation. These practises do not have a place in our society in any form with any excuse.

The fact that the government is accepting submissions that would allow these things for consideration, show the obvious weakness and corruption provoked by vile companies who want nothing more than money, with obviously no consideration for morals, ethics, or the environmental impact. In an age where protecting the environment has been more important than ever, and with more people being aware of it, we need to end genetic engineering and set an example for other countries to follow as well.

Farmers such as Steve Marsh in Western Australia have had entire crops wiped out by genetically engineered plants, through cross contamination. There needs to be an act which ensures that companies and individuals who have been allowed to grow GE crops become liable for such losses.

We also need vastly improved labelling on all food products, including those from overseas, but ideally all products containing GE ingredients need to be quickly banned from entering the country.

We must protect our organic industry, and not allow any GE contamination to be acceptable in such products.

There also needs to be a ban on corporations from “creating” GE organisms of any kind from overseas who wish to do so in Australia, such as Monsanto for instance. This company is one of the worst offenders in the world, and known for its abominations world-wide.

There also needs to be a clean up system implemented in each state, which will address the identification of GE crops and see that any remnants are destroyed. This is something that needs to be started straight away, before any more damage is done.

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