

GENETICALLY MODIFIED CANOLA — MORATORIUM

Petition

MR W.R. MARMION (Nedlands — Parliamentary Secretary) [9.03 am]: I have a petition from 37 petitioners about genetically modified canola. It reads —

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned, say that as Genetically Modified (GM) canola seeds and pollen cannot be contained, the decision to allow commercial growing will invariably contaminate all non-GM crops. If contaminated with GM, non GM farmers will lose their markets, organic farmers will face loss of certification and consumers will not be able to actively avoid GM foods because of current inadequate labelling regulations.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to revoke the decision on allowing commercial growing of GM canola in Western Australia and renew the moratorium on GM crops in this State.

[See petition 245.]

Similar petitions were presented by **Ms A.R. Mitchell** (58 signatures) and **Mr C.J. Tallentire** (24 signatures).

[See petitions 247 and 248.]