

GENETICALLY MODIFIED CANOLA — MORATORIUM

Petition

MS A.J.G. MacTIERNAN (Armadale) [12.03 pm]: I have a petition from 20 petitioners calling on the government to reverse a decision on allowing commercial growing of genetically modified canola in WA and requesting —

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 214.]

A similar petition was presented by **Mr C.J. Tallentire** (119 signatures).

[See petition 215.]