

**GENETICALLY MODIFIED CANOLA — MORATORIUM**

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**MR G.M. CASTRILLI (Bunbury — Minister for Local Government)** [12.01 pm]: I have a petition containing 61 signatures, duly certified by the Clerk, which conforms to the standing orders of the Legislative Assembly and which 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 paper 238.]

Similar petitions were presented by **Mr A.J. Simpson (Parliamentary Secretary)** (17 signatures), **Mrs L.M. Harvey** (20 signatures), **Mr C.J. Tallentire** (101 signatures) and **Mr A.J. Waddell** (20 signatures).

[See papers 239, 240, 241 and 243.]