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To: [Environment and Public Affairs Committee](#)
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Subject: Submission to the Inquiry into mechanisms for compensation for economic loss to farmers in Western Australia caused by contamination by genetically modified material
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Dear Committee,

The following comments can be used in the a Public domain.

I am writing to note that I do not support any new levy on growers or an unnecessary compensation scheme. Our business has grown both GM (RR) and non GM canola without issue. I also believe that primary producers need to have access to all “ tools” to facilitate production and that any levy on GM production and the applicable collection/ administration costs , onus of proof etc will be problematical.

I would also like to ensure that the Committee considers the following facts in their deliberations:

1. GM technology has been shown to be safe and effective, and has been subject to a significant Federal regulatory framework .
2. GM technology has been used globally in agriculture and a range of other fields for decades
3. Other countries have GM and non-GM growers, side by side, without the need for levy schemes or compensation
4. If we put impositions on technology adoption that are not embraced by our competitors (both nationally and globally) inevitably WA primary producers will not maintain their competitive advantage. This is not just an issue related to GM canola, it has potential ramifications in relation to R&D investment and optimising production with any GM production regime moving forward

Kind regards,
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