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To: [Environment and Public Affairs Committee](#)
Subject: Inquiry into mechanisms for compensation for economic loss to farmers in Western Australia caused by contamination by genetically modified material
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To Hon. Hon Matthew Swinbourn

MLC Chair Standing Committee on Environmental and Public Affairs

Dear Sir

I am delighted that your Standing Committee has the foresight to enquire into mechanisms to compensate farmers for contamination by genetically modified material. Such an enquiry is urgently needed. As is follow up action.

A good legislative framework is needed to cover the risks associated with GM crops, and ensure farmers can be held liable for contamination caused by these crops. Farmers should be required to contain their GM crops just as they are required to contain their stock.

I ask you to consider introducing Farmer Protection Legislation to ensure that GM-Free farmers can continue to grow the food that we want, without financial burden from GM contamination.

Yours sincerely,
Bridget Leggett