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To: Environment and Public Affairs Committee

Subject: Submission to the Inquiry into mechanisms for compensation for economic loss to farmers in Western

Australia caused by contamination by genetically modified material

Date: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 5:18:55 PM

Dear Committee,

RE-GM RESTRICTIONS AND LEVY

I am writing to note that I do not support any new levy on growers or an unnecessary compensation scheme as a result of any new enquiry

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 with no proven risk to health
- GM technology has been used globally in agriculture and a range of other fields for decades and will expand to meet world food needs
- 3. Other countries have GM and non-GM growers, side by side, without the need for levy schemes or compensation or undue conflict
- 4. Unnecessary intervention by minor players (The Greens and State Govt) will jeopardize WA producers ability to compete whilst only satisfying a fashionable whim

Kind regards,

Ken Manton