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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
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Dear Committee,

I am writing to note that I do not support any new levy on growers or an unnecessary compensation scheme.

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.
2. GM has proven on our property to be extremely elastic with variable seasons. Its early vigour and stable yield has benefits above non-GM
3. We have grown GM since its first availability and have grown it directly adjacent to Non-GM neighbours without any prejudice or biosecurity issues.
4. It is another tool in our box for Integrated Weed Management against resistant weed management.
5. GM technology has been used globally in agriculture and a range of other fields for decades
6. Other countries have GM and non-GM growers, side by side, without the need for levy schemes or compensation
7. We have enough Levies in the Agricultural Sector without an additional one introduced.
8. Markets have proven the GM Non-GM ability can be capably managed without penalty and logistic barriers.

Kind regards,

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