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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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Dear Committee

My name is Tomas Pradas and I wanted to express my deep interest in the importance of developing a mechanism and support for those farmers that have chosen to do the right thing by the environment that sustains us and the customers that consume the produce.

As Certified Organic processor, under the organic and biodynamic national standards, feel in the need to make sure that GMO monoculture is discouraged as only brings unbalance to the eco-system. I believe that a levy on the sale of GMO material is a good way to deflect the pressure that chain supermarkets impose onto monoculture farmers making the GMO produce not as cheap placing organic produce in a competitive position. The only thing that can bring the price of Organic product is demand and demand cannot happen unless prices are equalised. We actually believe that GMO should undergo GMO certification that accounts all the produce they are making and quantify the amount of chemicals and non organic material they are putting in the soil.

I would really believe that WA does deserve a much better farming management for a healthier future.

look forward to seeing this go though.

warm regards

Tomas Pradas