

South Gippsland Shire Council 20 August 2008
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MOTION (passed)

That Council:

1. write to the following State and Federal Members of Parliament endorsing the Russell Broadbent MLC Motion, to Federal Parliament, calling for an inquiry to determine the level of risk to health foodstuffs containing GM Organism and the threat of contamination from GM crops already planted under relaxed provisions in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria:

a) the Prime Minister of Australia;

b) the Premier of Victoria;

c) leaders of the National Party;

d) leaders of the Australian Greens; and

e) Ministers and Opposition Spokespersons for agriculture and the environment.

2. call for an officers report explaining:

a) the current labelling of GM Products in Australia and defining any inadequacies;

b) proposes a text should inadequacies be found, for lobbying action by the Council to improve labelling of GM Products, and where such lobbying is best directed; and

c) explaining the advantages and disadvantages of Council requesting that the State Government declare the South Gippsland Shire to be a GM Free Zone, under the assumption that such a request would in fact be granted and recognising that the only GM crop so far permitted in Victoria is canola.