

The Organic Growers Association of Western Australia, Incorporated

GM action

Parliament House steps
Wednesday 10th June 2009
10.00 sharp - 2.00pm

Please come and join us for a "silent" protest on the steps of Parliament House as a demonstration of our disappointment at the lack of community consultation on the GM canola trial locations.

Organic Farmers are unhappy about the lack of community consultation nor have they been given any information on farmers conducting trials close to certified organic farms. Organic farmers have also been advised by the Minister of Agriculture and Food's office that the only 'buffers required are 5 metres from non-GM crops and 400m from other brassica' but there were no buffer requirements for organic farms (as buffers are already organic accreditation guidelines).

The Organic Growers Association WA are disappointed that farms close to GM canola farms are now exposed to drift from GM canola seeds and/or pollen which could result in a loss of organic certification.