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### **MADGE appreciates Cables**

MADGE Australia is appreciative of the WikiLeaks exposure of US diplomatic cables. The cables are already shedding light on long held suppositions about intriguing aspects of the GM food and crops issue.

Madeleine Love of MADGE said “For some time MADGE has wanted to know the means of introduction of GM food against the will of the population, in nations that are considered to be ‘sovereign’. While some people tolerate the idea of GM food, almost no-one wants it, and this includes the US population.”

“In 2008 we reported that while 92% of Australians want GM food fully labelled, 95% of politicians came from parties that were resisting this. Described in a Cable as a “Rock solid partner” to the US, MADGE is uncertain about Australia’s sovereignty on the GM issue.”

“The US has been able to limit information to its own people through the denial of GM labelling. Likewise here, while the Australian Food and Grocery Council have acknowledged that most products on the supermarket shelves contain GM ingredients, GM labels are almost non-existent.”

“In response to a presentation by the Federal Food Labelling Review Panel on Friday, the Food Standards Ministerial Council issued a two page communiqué that did not mention GM food labelling.” <http://bit.ly/ewSUZi>

“GM crops are described in a cable as a US “commercial interest”. In cables the US has recognised that publics don’t want them. Limiting information about the crops allows the US commercial interests to be pursued. US corporation Monsanto owns ~90% of planted GM seed.”

“Is our Government supporting this US commercial interest without respecting the rights of Australians?”

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