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MADGE Calls to Protect Existing Food Sources

MADGE Australia regrets the failure of the GM canola disallowance motion in the Western Australian legislative assembly last night.

The loss of GM free canola crops is inevitable. The Gene Technology Regulator cited studies showing pollen is taken several kilometres by insects, and it appears there is no limit to how far pollen can travel on the wind.

Spokesperson Fran Murrell said "The absence of independent studies looking at the health and safety aspects of this GM crop has been well-established and recognised last night by both sides of WA parliament."

"We regret that the WA government has unleashed GM canola without fully listening to or understanding the Canadian experience of contamination and lost markets"

"MADGE appreciates the efforts of Mick Murray and the ALP to raise the disallowance motion, liberal party whip John McGrath who went to some effort to understand the GM crop situation and abstained, and Independent Dr Janet Woollard who also abstained."

"MADGE will now be working with farmers and consumers to try and protect our existing food sources until there is sufficient information to show whether or not contamination by GM would pose a health or ecological risk.

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