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Concerned Mothers Question the Safety of GM Food – MADGE is coming to WA

“Can we trust our food?” say MADGE founders Jessica Harrison and Fran Murrell.

“We would like to know what we are feeding our families. Genetically manipulated (GM) foods have not been proved safe for human consumption. Worrying results show organ abnormalities and altered immune response in animal feeding trials using GM feed. More research should have been done before GM ingredients were allowed into Australian food products.”

“We are kept in the dark, while the introduction of GM crops and food is pushed by chemical companies profiting from sales of their patented GM seeds.”

“Recent news that GM ingredients were found in Nestlé’s baby food cereal in China lead MADGE to check infant formula for sale in Australia. We found corn syrup, soy lecithin, soy and canola oils and maltodextrin listed as ingredients. Any of these products could be GM. Due to Australia’s lax labelling laws, it is difficult to be sure. Pregnant women and babies with new immune systems should not consume GM products, which may be linked to the rise in allergies in children. American doctors are calling for a moratorium on GM food due to health concerns.[\[i\]](#)”

“We call on supermarkets to label or remove untested GM foods to allow us to make informed choices about what we feed our families.”

Madge founders Fran Murrell and Jessica Harrison, both mothers of two, have funded their trip to Western Australia to raise their concerns about the commercialisation of GM crops in WA and GM products in our food.

"MADGE-Australia" was formed in 2007 by mothers and others to raise concerns about the safety of GM food and to oppose the lifting of the GM canola ban in Victoria. MADGE produces a weekly digest of news about the international rejection of GM food and crops, as well as healthy locally grown alternatives.

www.madge.org.au

<http://twitter.com/MADGEAustralia>

Meet us at MADGE morning teas:

10 am on Monday 5th October at Earthwise, 315 Bagot Rd Subiaco.

More info: Shirley Collins 0438 389095

10.30 am on Tuesday 6th October at Loose Produce, 2 Hobbs Avenue, Como.

More info: Michelle Denise 93674963

And in the evening:

7 pm on Monday 5th October at Main Hall, Jack Healy Centre, Mead St Kalamunda

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[i] American Academy of Environmental Medicine; Position Paper; "Genetically Modified Foods"; <http://www.aeonline.org/gmopost.html>