



MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release: Friday 19th September 2009

Farmer Gai Marshall was alarmed to find GM Canola plants along a stretch of the Riverina Highway east of Berrigan, NSW yesterday. Gai tested suspect weeds she saw near their family property with lateral flow test strips, which gave a positive result that GM was present.

"I tested the canola plants at regular intervals as I drove along the highway and each plant I stopped to test was positive to GM."

"Last year we obtained a GM free status for our property. We do not intend to grow GM Canola. How can we keep our marketable GM free status when GM Canola has become a roadside weed after only one season?"

"They say GM is supposed to be about choice so what about our choice to stay GM free?"

"We would like the owner of the patented GM plants to clean up their rogue weeds. Why should our council have to use a stronger poison to clean up weeds they themselves don't want?"

"On my recent trip to Canada, I met with many farmers over the month who regretted their embracing of GM technology. GM canola weeds growing in their crops and problems with the health and fertility of animals fed GM are just some of their continuing concerns."

Comment: Gai Marshall (Home) 02-60359428 or (Mobile) 0418497141