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Graincorp backslides on ABC comment, and Mothers say “Oils aint just Oils”

“Why is Graincorp backsliding on its ABC comment?” ask mothers concerned about genetically mutated foods.

In April Graincorp stated they would mix GM and non-GM canola canola
http://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au/article/2009/04/22/72331_grain-and-hay.html

On 30 September it was reported they would mix GM at 4 sites in Victoria
<http://www.mailtimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/gm-is-mixed/1637167.aspx>

Earlier this month **David Ginns, Graincorp's Corporate Affairs manager said to the ABC** they would only be receiving GM canola at 5 sites. He suggested farmers make marketing decisions about whether to deliver to a GM or non-GM silo.
http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/rural/200910/r447296_2170420.mp3

But on 14th October it was reported in the Weekly Times that Graincorp would be mixing GM and non-GM canola at 12 sites in Victoria, and 5 in NSW.

What happened in a week?

MADGE rang David Ginns for comment but at the time of sending has not received a reply. If you wish to contact him his number is: 02 9325 9132 or 0419 429 943.

Madeleine Love of MADGE Australia said “Oils aint just oils, and that’s why Graincorp is quoting a price reduction for GM mixed canola”.

“GM canola is certainly not the same as non-GM canola oil, and it matters. It matters to the non-GM farmers who get a price reduction if their closest silo is a GM mix silo, it matters to consumers who were promised ‘choice’, it matters to animals who have had adverse effects, and with this backflip it also seems to matter to Graincorp.

David Ginns in his interview says that canola oil contains no genetic material and so oil from GM canola is no different from non-GM canola. This is probably because our food regulators FSANZ deemed that GM canola oil contains no GM DNA or protein. Protein and GM DNA is associated with food allergies.

In fact both David Ginns and FSANZ are wrong. Refined oils contain protein. FSANZ's own document that approved the GM canola found 0.29ppm of protein in the refined oil. Monsanto reported this to FSANZ.

http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/_srcfiles/A363%20draft%20IR.pdf (p25)

“FSANZ didn’t test whether the protein in the oil was a product of the genetic mutation of the plant, and didn’t test to see whether they could measure GM DNA and other GM toxins and residues in the oil.”

“The oil isn’t labelled – where’s our promised ‘choice’?”

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