

Subject: Submission to GMO Moratorium Review
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TO: Tasmanian Government Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, GMOMoratoriumReview@dpipwe.tas.gov.au

RE: Submission on Review of Tasmania's GMO Moratorium

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FROM: Agspand Pty Ltd, Tasmania, www.agspand.com.au

Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing as the directors of Tasmanian company, Agspand Pty Ltd, to make a submission to the government's review of Tasmania's genetically modified organisms (GMO) Moratorium.

Agspand formed in 2016 to provide consultation, training and products for healthy, profitable agriculture.

Agspand supports the continuation of Tasmania's GMO-free status, effected in the state's Genetically Modified Organisms Control Act 2004, the Tasmanian Gene Technology Policy (2014-19), and the Tasmanian Gene Technology Guidelines.

Our clients include growers and processors of high-quality Tasmanian agricultural products, who have worked hard to establish successful GMO-free brands. Agspand provides products and training to trace provenance and promote our clients' quality Tasmanian brands. Their products' GMO-free status is a definite business advantage because it enables a positive difference for their Tasmanian products in the world's market place.

As a relatively small island with biosecurity benefits, Tasmania grows not only agricultural food but also seeds for growing GMO-free crops elsewhere. Thus Tasmania is not just a GMO-free "food bowl", but also a GMO-free "seed bowl", which is a definite advantage for Tasmanian growers and processors as it maintains their freedom and independence from GMO companies.

Under our signature in the footnote below, we provide links to media reports on the success of Tasmanian GMO-free products in the marketplace. The footnote is to remain confidential, please (i.e. do not publish the footnote).

With a continued GMO moratorium for Tasmania, and with support from the private and public sectors, such success stories for Tasmanian businesses will increase.

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