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I wish to speak in favour of maintaining the GMO Moratorium indefinitely.

You NEVER see GMO being advertised as a selling point of ANY product sold on the market. Ever? Why is that? I'm guessing as the producers know there is nothing to be gained from GMO produced food except health problems, oh and a lot of profit for big multinationals. Basically no thinking person wants to eat them! There has never been a single benefit to be had by GMOs, except to the producers who wish to own our food supply. The old arguments of producing enough food for the world is a lie as there is more than enough food wasted around the world. The problem with the food shortages is people's inability to AFFORD it. Nothing more.

GM canola has made WA the laughing stock of canola producers around the world. Their non-GMO versions are now worthless due to contamination of GMO canola in the environment of WA. Even the sheep have been found wandering the highways eating GMO canola on the side of the road and are now contaminated.

GM crops don't yield more. In fact they don't offer any more than any other non-GMO variety. And if yield was of interest to people in the food production industry, then I'd recommend they be looking into the CSIRO's 30 year study into food production methods and climate stability. What they found was organic farming (definitely GMO free) out-performed the pesticide and chemical equivalent in terms of organic growing method's ability to still function in times of drought due to better soil health etc. You might ask why organic farming should be mentioned, but really GMO farming is basically about increasing pesticide and chemical use to lessen the human intervention (weeding). But this too has been found to be now out of control in Canada where GMO crops were first trialed. The weeds are now out of control from the over use of pesticides and chemicals in their farming areas.

India too was promised the world (huge yields) with GM crops and all they got was destroyed farming land throughout much of their provinces and massive suicide rates by farmers of failed crops who were lied to by the pesticide companies. The over use of pesticides and chemicals has to be a consideration given the "pristine" marketing word often used when Tasmania is advertised. Even in our current climate the amount of pesticides and chemicals SHOULD be of national importance to the health of our nation and state.

As stated above, the only benefit to allow GMOs into Tasmania is the export of millions of dollars to multinationals such as Bayer and the loss of Tasmania's "clean and green reputation".

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