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Please do not lift the ban on GMO's in Tasmania. For the arguments comoy raised in support of GMO foods, often related to addressing food insecurity in the coming future, GMO foods are not the solution. Creating more food, bigger foods and growing it faster is not going to help a global food system already in crisis.

Firstly our food supply is hindered by waste. 40% of all food grown is thrown away. This is to do with consumer laws dictating what constitutes edible, safe and sellable food. Reviewing these laws instead would do much more to solve the issue of food insecurity that you claim to be your primary concern for the future.

Whilst evidence for the health impacts of GMO foods on human bodies is scarce, this is primarily due to the fact that they have only been widely available since the early 1990s. The risks do not only apply to humans, but destabilise the genetic order of the existing ecosystem which includes varieties of heirloom foods, indigenous foods and natives that are already tailored to their environment. Do we really want to begin down the path of a completely manufactured and man-made environment?

What about the rights and patents that apply to 'invented' Species of food I.e. GMO food. What was once a free and open source supply of edible nutrients (the best buffer against food security is the fee ability to growing your own) would quickly become a privatised system of seed sales where as with other resources, the rich would gain more access than the poor I.e. induced inequality.

Don't make food corporate.

Please do not lift the ban on GMO foods. Rather encourage Tasmanians to grow their own food as they have been for decades. Regenerative agriculture, organic agriculture, urban permaculture. We are the birthplace of permaculture. Please please respect the history of this place and allow it to breed it's own resilience to climate change, collectively, by leaving avenues to food open and available to all that choose to grow it.

Thankyou for your time,

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