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Please accept my submission, being contributing comments concerning the above Tasmanian Regulations.

Having already invested much time and effort, with our wise GE Moratorium, for our clean/green produce-export reputation, has already proved extremely advantageous.

This image, besides serving our agri-exporting, is importantly inter-related psychologically with our tourism industry (even at the moment, just nationally).

Dependent upon a variety of 'niche' but 'high-end' markets internationally, and thus to keep consistent with their own respective agri-business laws, it's obvious we must protect our achieved and maintained standards in their view. We must not risk discarding their trust.

Through time there does persist confirming research in the agri-business important evidence of previously unforeseen (and probably unexpected) bio-impact of genetic manipulatory techniques. An example of such findings recently ("BMC Genomics 21", article number 856, 2.12.20; Farris, Texter, Mora et al, Testbiotech), as an offshoot of CRISPR technology, concluded it can lead to "collateral, unintentional epigenomic changes post modification with generational persistence". This particular instance of unforeseen bio-impact was in the farm animal area, however it seems sensible as a warning for plant agriculture too. Maintaining the scientific precautionary principle is obviously well justified.

Approaching the challenges of private concerns and pressures from the agri-produce industry, upon ourselves as a small island, always with the precautionary principle, will ensure and only enhance our whole livelihood and natural environment, we being utterly dependent upon both.

Being wise enough to keep our trusted status so far, practically and psychologically, and perceived globally, will surely guarantee increased insurance over time aswell.

The COVID19 experience has articulated our 'bio-advantage' as an island. Likewise Tasmania's bio-agri approach so far has similarly confirmed our great natural and lucky advantage.

Thank you.
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