

Open letter to Biotechnologists and Politicians

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There is a difference in the views of biologists and botanists and the views of many biotechnologists on the issue of GE/GM crops and food.

Biologists and botanists are concerned about the narrowing of our gene pools, genetic wipeout and the ethics of patenting pollen and releasing it into the wild; learn about the [Vavilov Centers](#).

Biotechnologists will seldom discuss these issues. Perhaps it's time that biotechnologists talked to the concerned biologists and botanists about what **they** see is at stake. Many biotechnologists peddle the lie that GM is the same as selective breeding; read [GM crops for 1000s of years](#).

Biotechnologists say that the only difference is that they are speeding up the process of evolution and selective breeding. They say that the results of GM food are the same as in nature. Why is it that when animals are offered genetically engineered food together with natural food they will almost always take the natural food? Strange, animals can tell the difference when there is **no difference**? Factory farmed animals have no choice; to stay alive they eat what they are given; just as you would.

Read [Seeds of Deception](#) and see what scientists have found when animals are fed GM products. The results and implications for us all are sometimes quite disturbing.

If anybody wants to peddle the nonsense about feeding a starving world with GE/GM crops, then read [Rice is life](#) and get out of fairyland. This technology is **not yet ready** for the kitchen table. Releasing this genetically engineered and patented pollen into the environment is nothing short of bioterrorism.

What's the rush to push this technology onto Australians before they even know that people have already died in the US because of the new proteins in GM food? When the first Australian goes down with anaphylactic shock because they ate a GM product will those who extol its virtues remain silent?

Is it not strange that chemical companies have the best-paid jobs for biotechnologists? Would chemical companies design plants that did not need chemicals? Let's get real!

To the scholars who chose biotechnology for your area of expertise, could you be so arrogant as to say that you have the right to alter the DNA in living organisms and release them into the wild just because you can and just because you are paid well by a chemical company?

You are contaminating irreversibly the only genetic heritage we have, and that belongs to our children to be passed on to their children. You went to school and got a degree and you know everything, i barely went to school and so i know nothing. So tell me. Once this altered DNA is released into the environment, can you bring it back when you have made a mistake?

We are polluting the world and eating and drinking substances that are sometimes proving to be dangerous, should we add to the dilemma just because we can? Are you prepared to go to prison when you end up making a serious mistake? In the area of genetic engineering serious mistakes have already been made. Is it not time that we just stop, take a deep breath and seriously consider the consequences of what is at stake? This is **not** a dress rehearsal, so what's the rush? Perhaps you could make it a point to see the documentaries: - [The Future of Food](#) and [The Corporation](#).

All of you at the **National Farmers Federation** and Paul Weller of the **Victorian Farmers Federation** and Andrew Bolt of the **Herald Sun** do you all take **full** responsibility for what you are saying? Or, when the truth is finally known, will you all just fade away and say? "Oh well it's not my fault I only listened to the experts and a chemical company". **Why the secrecy and who is accountable?**

Monsanto's master plan expressed to Arthur Anderson Consulting Group in 1999 was to ensure that 100% of all the world's commercial seeds would be genetically modified and patented. Is that what you, who extol the wonders of this hideous plan, want to see?