

# No to GE Food

## Transgenic Food as a NSW 2007 Election Issue

*Transgenic Food = food that has its genes changed by what is sometimes called genetic engineering (GE)*



The long term health effects of Transgenic Food are untested  
- funding has been cut for independent research, like the CSIRO

Biotech processes use viruses, anti-biotics, nuclear transfer and the like  
- breaking down natural barriers can facilitate virus infections

The parent seed-stock of canola, potatoes, etc. can be gene contaminated  
- native parent plants preserve bio-diversity and act as insurance

Contaminated crops will receive a lower price as people refuse to buy them  
- growing conventional and organic crops will become impossible

Slack labelling laws often hide transgenic ingredients from consumers  
- the long term health effects of Transgenic Food are unknown

The choice of foods to consumers in the market is being reduced  
- biotech companies plan to control the human food chain

US style patenting law and trade agreements rob farmers of income and seeds  
- laws unjustly favour biotech companies and insult God as Giver of Life

Biotech companies employ PR experts to 'spin' their GE creations  
- misinformation says that transgenic food is not anything new

### Easy to find websites on Genetically Manipulated Foods:

- True Food (Greenpeace): reports, Q/A section on GE, and True Food Guide on GE-free foods for consumers [www.truefood.org.au](http://www.truefood.org.au)
- Network of Concerned Farmers: [www.non-gm-farmers.com](http://www.non-gm-farmers.com) Australian farming background items, plus commonly asked questions
- World Council Churches, *Caring for Life: Genetics, Agriculture and Human Life*, 2005. <http://wcc-coe.org/wcc/what/jpc/pa-booklet-bio.pdf>

## Please write to local Election Candidates before the NSW Elections 24 March 2007 about the **Moratorium**

Ask candidates standing for election what is their position on:

1. Extending NSW's existing Moratorium on the commercial growing of Genetically Engineered (GE) crops
2. Better labelling of food stuffs with GE ingredients.

Pen your personal concerns (by email, or even better by post, or phone)

1. Post your concerns and/or this page to your local sitting Member and opposition candidates
2. Ask for a reply.

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