



HAVE YOUR SAY ON GMOs
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Member for Flinders Liz Penfold has restated her opposition to genetically modified organisms (GMOs), while calling for people to make submissions to the State Government's Select Committee on GMOs.

"The Select Committee on GMOs has extended the date for submissions to 15 November 2001. Submissions can be addressed to Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide 5000.

"People can also write to the committee asking to meet with them," she said.

Mrs Penfold said that in September last year she supported a five year moratorium for Eyre Peninsula to be a GMO free zone.

"Until we understand more about the implications for our overseas markets and the potential for the environmental impact of 'super weeds' inadvertently developing, I do not believe GMO crops are worth the risk.

"I am still not convinced that these risks have been properly assessed," she said.

Mrs Penfold said she personally was happy about eating GMO food however the implications for disaster arising through antibiotic resistance and herbicide resistance coming from the genes that are routinely used to mark successful genetic modification of organisms are horrendous.

"The GMO industry is still experimental and not at all precise in many of the outcomes. "Farmers are also discovering that some of the claims for GMO crops, such as increased yields, are not eventuating".
"More research is needed," she said.