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Dear Minister,

I refer to your letter of 7 September 2019 requesting the Genetically Modified Crops Advisory Committee's (the Committee) advice on the proposed amended regulations (*Genetically Modified Crops Management (Designation of Area) Variation Regulations 2019 – Draft 20.8.2019(1)*) under the *Genetically Modified Crops Management Act 2004*, which would lift the current moratorium on the cultivation of Genetically Modified Food Crops on mainland South Australia, excluding Kangaroo Island.

The Committee has considered the draft regulations out of session. The quorum of members who have responded have raised no overarching policy concerns regarding the proposed draft regulations, the intent of which aligns with previous advice provided to you on 6 May 2019 by the Committee following the Independent Review of South Australia's Moratorium on the cultivation of Genetically Modified Food Crops, as reproduced below:

The Committee supports the lifting of the moratorium in South Australia. However, the exceptional case of Kangaroo Island and its ability to gain non-GM premiums is recognised, and thus there are advantages for KI to remain an area which is GM free.

I would also like to reiterate the previous Committee advice provided on 6 May 2019 that if a decision is made to maintain the moratorium on Kangaroo Island only, the Committee recommends:

- that the Minister must be satisfied adequate consultation has been carried out with all Kangaroo Island producers;
- that consideration be given to any controls on movement of produce which may be necessary to support the Island's non-GM status; and
- that the moratorium on Kangaroo Island be reviewed after an appropriate time. The Committee suggests a review in 2025.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely



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