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### **Independent Review of the South Australian GM Food Crop Moratorium**

*Comments on the Review from Livestock SA, March 2019.*

Livestock SA concurs with the major finding of the Review which indicates that the GM moratorium has cost SA grain growers at least \$33 million since 2004 (Finding 4.1).

As indicated in this Review, Livestock SA made a submission supporting the removal of the current moratorium. As many broadacre farmers in SA run livestock as well as cropping, the moratorium needs to be lifted as soon as it can be legislated.

Livestock SA supports and is pleased with most of those findings that flow on from Finding 4.1.

We note in particular, Finding 3.3: *The experience of GM canola production and marketing in other mainland states over the past decade reveals that segregation and identity preservation protocols and practice codes can and do ensure the successful coexistence of GM and non-GM crops in Australia.*

Given this finding, Livestock SA sees no reason if the current moratorium is removed, for a moratorium to be allowed to impose on Kangaroo Island or any other defined region of South Australia. The majority of primary producers on Kangaroo Island run livestock, and if the moratorium is maintained this would restrict the choice and will become available to livestock producers in the rest of the State about whether to grow GM crops and eventually pastures. Further, a targeted moratorium would exclude Island producers from the opportunity to access the benefits as found in the Review. Such a moratorium would certainly conflict with Finding 3.3 that GM and non-GM crops can successfully coexist.

It is noted that Livestock SA's submission does not appear on the PIRSA website as supposedly "consent to publish" was not given. If we had been asked, this consent would have readily been given. The Livestock SA

submission has been on the Livestock SA website since October 25, 2018 and can be found on the Livestock SA website at <https://livestocksa.org.au/submissions>. Livestock SA interaction with the current select committee of Parliament enquiry is also available on the internet.

Livestock SA remains ready to provide further detail regarding the opportunities for sustainable industry development that the cessation of the current GM Food Crop moratorium could enliven.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Curtis', is positioned above the typed name.

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