

Hello, I disagree 100% with the Productivity Commission draft report seeking to end GM food labels and calling on NSW, SA, Tas, WA & ACT governments to remove state restrictions on GM crops. I can remember a certain dawning realisation reading Jonathan Latham, PhD and Allison Wilson, PhD in early 2013 (see below). Since then, I've spent time informing myself, studying Nancy Podevin and Philip du Jardin's 2012 assessment, "Possible consequences of the overlap between the CaMV 35S promoter regions in plant transformation vectors used and the viral gene VI" The Productivity Commission believes all moratoria on GM food crops be scrapped and seeks to dramatically increase Australia's use of the primary global GM paradigm. This paradigm utilises the CaMV 35S promoter as gene-protein on-off switch. There are potential instability issues arising from packing high levels of information (base pair sequences) into the switch. Two EFSA employees made an assessment and the regulatory agencies themselves have categorically failed to register the analysis within a public health context. It's not rocket science... Podevin and du Jardin have stated that transgenic constructs (eg. GM seed bought by a farmer) are pretty much safe within a certain information density. And they give a specific number. They then say going above that number could see "unintended effects". This is why GM food labels are so important. Practical concerns of safety from the consumer, given frightening irresponsibility on the part of regulatory agencies' refusal to both accept and police construction hazards arising from the presence of lengthy Gene VI sequences in GMOs... ISN -- "Is the Hidden Viral Gene Safe? GMO Regulators Fail to Convince" by Jonathan Latham, PhD and Allison Wilson, PhD (Feb 27, 2013) <http://www.independentsciencenews.org/health/gmo-regulators-hidden-viral-gene-vi-regulators-fail/>