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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Submissions to the ESD Inquiry

Thank you for forwarding the Issues Paper for the Inquiry into the Implementation of Ecologically Sustainable Development by Commonwealth Departments and Agencies.

My offerings at this stage are brief.

1. Industry Research Funding (such as from the Grains Research and Development Corporation) uses Cost Benefit Analysis but no appraisal of Ecological Sustainability to assess submissions for research funding.
2. There is now much research activity in Australia on genetic modification, largely centred in Commonwealth institutions. There appears to be little consideration of ecological issues surrounding their potential release and whether the Commonwealth Environmental Impact Assessment process will be triggered and if so, to what extent ecological sustainability principles will be addressed.
3. Many of the statutes dealing with management of natural resources do not involve consideration of Ecological Sustainability.

Yours Sincerely

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