

# **Agricultural Competitiveness Green Paper Submission**

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## **What are the top policies from the Green Paper that the Government should focus on in the White Paper and why?**

Public Health. Quality ahead of quantity. Change the KPIs from volume alone to measure nutrition per hectare.

Obesity is now number one cause of premature death in Australia ahead of smoking and alcohol. We must address that. A food system driven by chemical companies and industrial, laboratory, herbicide-riddled food will ruin Agriculture.

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/backgroundbriefing/2014-12-07/5936412>

## **What policies from the Green Paper don't you support and why?**

GM crops will ruin Australia's reputation for quality. GMOs are built on flawed science and irresponsible implementation. "Uptake" has been more by stealth through GM contamination and lack of GM labelling. There are many concerns about health and environment. Consumers will continue to reject GMOs while the GM lobby remains allusive and abusive.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/02/24/usda-gmo-report-idUSL1N0LT16M20140224>

## **General Comment**

Include consumer groups, GM-free farmers and family farmers as priority stakeholders.

Avoid "wilful blindness". Ensure the GM industry is accountable and pays for the damage it causes.