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This submission is made against Application A1097 for the following reasons:

1. The risk of genetic pollution is very high and it infringes on both conventional and organic producers who do not wish to grow GM MON87411 (as well as other GM crops). Australia is considered a reputable non-polluted source for grain exported to Asia, and we are likely to lose this market if approval for this corn goes ahead.
2. MON87411 like other GE products will encourage antibiotic resistance as a result of transgenes from GE crops which find their way to the human gut.
3. Glyphosate resistance is creating superweeds; these are extremely difficult to control forcing growers to resort to even more toxic herbicides.
4. Glyphosate has been found to be present in rain water, ground water, air and even breast milk. While touted to be safe, glyphosate is an endocrine disruptor that has been linked to several health risks including cancer.
5. No bees! Pesticides required for GMO's have been shown to be a significant cause in bee die-offs.
6. As corn is one of the main Livestock feeds, this will lead to GM meat through the back door.
7. Most importantly, GMO testing to date is inadequate to prove that the MON87411 is safe - there has been no independent undertaking.

Regards,

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