

## **Gene Ethics Media Release 13/11/08 GM Cropwatch visits Lubeck**

**GM CROPWATCH is monitoring roadsides and railway lines in the Horsham area this week. Cropwatch technician Jessica Harrison is testing canola and related weeds for GM contamination.**

"I am working with local farmers on our testing program," says Cropwatch's Ms Harrison.

"We expect to find GM contamination from 'trials' grown at various sites over the past 5 years,"

"This season's GM canola harvest will also make roads leading to the Lubeck GM silo in Yarriambiack Shire a contamination hot spot, as canola will arrive there from all over the West.

"The silo is ill-suited to manage canola without contamination," she says.

"Any container that leaks water will also spill GM canola seed.

"Canola seed notoriously spills from transport vehicles and harvesters, and lies dormant in soil for up to 16 years before germinating according to the OGTR.

"Spilled GM canola seed will need costly management by local councils and landholders when it germinates as Roundup, the commonest weed management chemical, will not kill these plants.

"As happened in Canada, Monsanto will reap a financial bonanza from GM canola while leaving a trail of broken promises and GM contamination behind them," Ms Harrison concludes.

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