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Livestock SA is very pleased that the State Government proposes to lift the moratorium on growing GM food crops in all parts of mainland South Australia, it is disappointing that it is also proposed that the moratorium will remain on Kangaroo Island.

In announcing this change, the Government indicates that the changes to the GM Act will give producers on the mainland the opportunity to choose to grow GM food crops as part of their farming practice. Why are livestock producers on Kangaroo Island still going to be denied this opportunity?

While we acknowledge the strong sentiments of some Kangaroo Island producers, we are aware that once the moratorium is removed on the mainland, even canola growers on Kangaroo Island will be watching what happens to any premium for GM-free canola.

Growers will seek to understand whether the current premium paid to growers on the Island offsets higher yields and/or other advantages of growing GM canola.

Yours sincerely,

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