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PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH MY DETAILS ANYWHERE. Firstly this proposal for GE potatoes is fundamentally flawed and undemocratic. No scientist or organisation only accepts the recommendation of a commercial party that stands to gain from the outcome. I feel that is corrupt, which it seems is the way the current government (NZ National Party) wishes to go down. Serving the commercial interests of the few at the expense of everyone else. We do not need more toxin laden vegetables, which is what these will be, just so the chemical and potato suppliers can make bigger profits. The potato is a resilient crop and there are so many varieties there is no need to rely on one variety, when it is proven that relying on one variety is very dangerous. In addition the soils in NZ have already had an onslaught of chemicals and do not more drenching. Our bees are dying along with the soil itself. We

have one of the highest extinction rates in the OECD and this will only increase with silly profit driven ideas like this. It is not sustainable long term and is set to end in disaster, whilst the few executives (at top of Fed Farmers (Willy Rolleston) make a quick buck at the beginning. It goes against the tatters of what made NZ 'NZ Pure' once. It will increase cancer and other ailments amongst our population. On top of all that we have very loose (if any) monitoring of toxins in our diet. Eg. Roundup! Yet in the USA where they do have monitoring it is already in organic foods, so without monitoring here, again this makes no sense. ie. we have no safeguards. Finally - it is also proven that GE crops perform inferior to organically grown crops. Forget the spin, lets look at the truth. In addition, GE crops perform worse under climate change. So if the decision is made to go for these alien GE potatoes then it is clear it was not made based on science,

facts or the best interests of NZers and Aotearoa environment where we live. No doubt I'll be proven right in 20-30 years when we see the consequences (like with smoking and lung cancer). But I;d like to think us Kiwi's are smarter than that and have some foresight. Also, I'd like to think that Kiwi's have a bit of confidence in our ability to grow our own quite successfully thank you. Without being dictated to by US and global corporates. Plus organic products already command a significant premium. So lets go down that route. Eg. organic milk gets 20-30% more premium. Whilst the GE potato suppliers will do their best to HIDE their product in everything, I for one will not knowingly buy it. Just as I avoid any product with GE already. I strongly feel this is a silly, brainless, profit driven idea. I am not grateful to the likes of Mr Rolleston and Fed Farmers who I believe benefit from GE. Shame they can't be transparent

about their vested interests, but that would be democratic I
guess.