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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Sydney Morning Herald**  
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Both of your recent correspondents on GM crops (Letters, February 5-6 and February 7) are getting so far ahead of themselves that they're leaving the simple facts behind.

As a Sydney Uni academic, Nick Coleman should have popped down Science Road and checked-in with the specialists in the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources to get the facts before flagging old furrphies about GM crops and ecological threats. Better still, a quick Google on Australia's Gene Technology Regulator's website, would have shown his concerns redundant.

And, David Oakenfull might have another think before trying to make the case that regulations are needed so foods derived from GM crops are specially labelled, even when they don't contain protein or DNA! What is the point? He then trots out the regular lines dished-up by activist groups, which are more fear-mongering than factual.

There is a world of scientifically-based facts and reality out there about GM technology, which unfortunately and too-often gets lost in the swirls of ideology.

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