

Australian 'GMO contamination' case over: High Court rejects organic farmer Marsh appeal, Baxter exonerated

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The High Court has rejected a bid for leave to appeal against a ruling in the genetic modification contamination case of West Australian farmer Steve Marsh.

Mr Marsh lost organic certification over most of his land at Kojonup after genetically modified canola blew over from his neighbour's farm in 2010.

He went to court, seeking more than \$80,000 in compensation, but the [Supreme Court dismissed the case in 2014](#).

The court found neighbour Michael Baxter had not acted negligently and could not be held responsible just for growing a GM crop in a conventional way. It also awarded Mr Baxter costs.

Last year it was revealed Monsanto had contributed to Mr Baxter's costs while Mr Marsh's campaign had been supported by the Safe Food Foundation.

Mr Baxter said he had no relationship with Mr Marsh any more.

Mr Marsh [sought leave to appeal to the High Court](#), but it was dismissed this morning.

The decision means Mr Marsh has no further avenue of appeal.

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