

Consultant disputes GM crop claims

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Julie Newman from the Network of Concerned Farmers was cited as saying there is growing international evidence that GM crops use more water than conventional varieties and may be unsuitable for Australia's drought conditions.

But farm consultant Bill Crabtree was cited as saying that far from performing badly in dry conditions, his experience of GM crops around the world is quite the opposite, adding, "I've travelled widely across the world to South Africa, South America, North America and Canada and the people that I've been speaking to absolutely love the crops. They think they're better in droughts because they get better weed control; without weeds the crops can use all the water."