

NBT Consult Submissions

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Subject: Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques'

To Whom It May Concern,

Genetic modification techniques pose unique risks to humans and the environment and all new genetic modification techniques should be assessed for safety before being allowed into the Australian food cycle. GMO's should also be labelled so we as consumers are fully informed about our food choices.

The natural process of food production is being disturbed at a great cost to our health and the environment. Tinkering with the DNA/RNA of food products alters our DNA as consumers of those same items. Please ensure this technology does not infiltrate Australia's food chain.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa McClenahan

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It is important for freedom of information and general basic freedom of choice that consumers are entitled to know exactly what they are buying. There is a duty of care from manufacturers, suppliers and government to make sure that the people have been given honest and clear information before they purchase any good or take any kind of advice or medication.

Genetic modification techniques pose unique risks. Some techniques like CRISPR are only 5 years old so we have no way of knowing a long term outcome.... hence the population should not be unknowingly donated as guinea pigs for the purpose of greed, mismanagement of our planets resources, overpopulation due to poverty and science.

All food needs to be labeled for pesticides, GMO's, additives, preservatives, country of origin and environmental efficiency.

We as the consumer have a right to know and choose what we are buying!

We are in the Information Age and that means that it's time for information and knowledge to be transparent and easily accessible. Corporations and government are constantly acquiring the people's information to use for their own interests (which is not ok!) it seems clear that consumers have a right to know everything about the products they purchase.

We demand clear food and product labeling

Yours sincerely, Sandra Grulli

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Subject: Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques'

Dear Sirs,

I am deeply concerned and oppose the introduction of GMO products into Australia and New Zealand.

Genetic modification techniques pose unique risks and all new genetic modification techniques should be assessed for safety before being allowed in our food. They should also be labelled so we are fully informed. This includes gene editing, GM rootstock grafting, cisgenesis, intragenesis RNA interference and null segregants. CRISPR was only invented 5 years ago . Reviews commissioned by the Austrian and Norwegian governments concluded that not enough is known about the risks (e.g. off target effects) posed by new GM techniques such as CRISPR. They recommended that products derived from these techniques require comprehensive case-by-case risk assessments. Gene editing techniques cause DNA double strand breaks and can be used sequentially to make dramatic differences to DNA. They are also prone to additional unexpected mutations. The risks associated with these techniques warrant pre-market safety assessment and approval. RNA interference is a GM technique and can result in heritable genetic changes so must also be assessed for safety before being used in our food. GM plants, animals and microbes all pose unique risks so assessing the GM production process is appropriate.

Yours sincerely, Emma Munro

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Subject: Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques'

I have a God-given right to know what is in my food and to choose what I will eat.

It goes against my conscience to eat foods that have been genetically modified as this is tampering with God's creation in unsafe ways in areas outlined below:

Here are some points you could include in your own comments:

Genetic modification techniques pose unique risks and all new genetic modification techniques should be assessed for safety before being allowed in our food. They should also be labelled so we are fully informed. This includes gene editing, GM rootstock grafting, cisgenesis, intragenesis RNA interference and null segregants. CRISPR was only invented 5 years ago . Reviews commissioned by the Austrian and Norwegian governments concluded that not enough is known about the risks (e.g. off target effects) posed by new GM techniques such as CRISPR. They recommended that products derived from these techniques require comprehensive case-by-case risk assessments. Gene editing techniques cause DNA double strand breaks and can be used sequentially to make dramatic differences to DNA. They are also prone to additional unexpected mutations. The risks associated with these techniques warrant pre-market safety assessment and approval. RNA interference is a GM technique and can result in heritable genetic changes so must also be assessed for safety before being used in our food. GM plants, animals and microbes all pose unique risks so assessing the GM production process is appropriate.

Yours sincerely, Anna-Marie Gwilt

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Subject: Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques'

Hi Please leave our food alone. We don't need these new techniques. There is enough food produced in the world to feed everyone. The problem is that too much of it is thrown away. In USA 93% of food waste goes to landfill. This illustrates how wasteful we humans are. So much of the food we grow is needlessly thrown away. We should be encouraging people to grow their own food, either on their own land or on community controlled land. Genetic modification is only useful to the large companies like Monsanto who force farmers to use their seeds.

Yours sincerely, Anthony Lunken

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Subject: Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques'

Dear Decision Makers;

Genetic modification techniques carry unique risks that should be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Results and long term risks and implications of using these methods are not entirely predictable or controllable. I ask that the precautionary principle be applied in order to ensure protection of the public and even the environment. Our health should not be put at risk, for the convenience of commercial enterprise or government.

Yours sincerely, Tamsin Kelly

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Subject: Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques'

CRISPR was only invented 5 years ago . Reviews commissioned by the Austrian and Norwegian governments concluded that not enough is known about the risks (e.g. off target effects) posed by new GM techniques such as CRISPR. They recommended that products derived from these techniques require comprehensive case-by-case risk assessments. Risks are associated with all new genetic modifications which should be assessed for safety before being permitted in our food. Please ensure that if any are permitted that they should be clearly labelled. To also include GM rootstock grafting, cisgenesis, intragenesis RNA interference and null segregants. GM plants, animals and microbes all pose unique risks so assessing the GM production process is appropriate. Gene editing techniques cause DNA double strand breaks and can be used sequentially to make dramatic differences to DNA. They are also prone to additional unexpected mutations. The risks associated with these techniques warrant pre-market safety assessment and approval. RNA interference is a GM technique and can result in heritable genetic changes so must also be assessed for safety before being used in our food.

Yours sincerely, Anthony Opie

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Subject: Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques'

There has always been a place in New Zealand for contained and ethical genetic research. This has helped to inform advances in marker assisted breeding and medical science. At the same time preserving our Genetically Engineered (GE) / GMO-free production systems supports the shared value in our export reputation for clean, safe food, and the New Zealand Story.

In New Zealand food safety and labelling is overseen by Food Standards Australia New Zealand and environmental protection overseen by our Environmental Protection Authority.

It is very concerning that Australia's gene regulators are consulting on the idea of deregulating the products of CRISPR.

It is vital to the public interest in New Zealand and Australia that we do not allow regulations to be altered to allow CRISPR products to escape the Gene Technology Act 2000 which defines gene technology as "any technique for the modification of genes or other genetic material". That includes CRISPR.

Far from dropping regulation, CRISPR, like other GM foods should be subject to improved pre-market safety testing. New Zealand has built its economy as a food exporting nation, and a clean and green tourism destination. To back that up and as a point of differentiation it serves us to have a best practice world class food testing, monitoring and labelling system. Independent scientists have identified the flaws in current regulation and more effective ways of safety testing.

It is vital for brand New Zealand to maintain the highest food safety and monitoring standards including products from CRISPR.

I ask for all GM techniques, food products and ingredients to be regulated and labelled.

I request that FSANZ assess and regulate every new GM food and food production method, including: CRISPR, RNA interference (RNAi), null segregants (the descendants of GM organisms), GM rootstock grafting, cisgenesis, intragenesis, etc. That is, regulate every technique and all their products, and to label everything too.

I oppose any GM techniques that manipulate animals, plants and microorganisms. New GM techniques (CRISPR, etc.) are being used to manipulate animals, plants and microorganisms. Many are likely to enter our food supply either directly as ingredients, as animal feed, or as food processing aids and additives. FSANZ regulation is essential to ensuring public awareness, pre-market testing, and labelling. Shoppers, farmers, and gardeners have the right to know what to grow and eat.

The new GM techniques and their products have no history of safe use as food and there is evidence of off-target impacts from some techniques. Safety research is still incomplete. I request the regulator for a precautionary approach. The Gene Technology Act 2000 requires the OGTR to assess all living GM.

Yours sincerely, Charissa Snijders

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Subject: Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques'

It is totally unacceptable that FSANZ is even considering deregulation of a range of new genetic modification (GM) techniques in animals, plants and microbes.

Have you learned nothing from disastrous experiments of the past such as the introduction of myxomatosis and cane toads? Plastics – that make up a percent of ALL of our bodies (ingested by foods). Glyphosate which is also found in a huge percent of the population and IS a proven carcinogen..... the list is extensive and deadly.

The companies that would benefit from doing what they like such as Monsanto and Bayer are proven to be corrupt. They do not care if their neonicotinoids kill bees, essential for agricultural industries and humanities survival. And no, we do not want Monsanto's flying ants as a substitute for bees.

These companies would not care that these substances will enter our food chain and our environment with no safety testing and no labelling. This has been repeatedly proven. Monsanto has been found guilty of trying to manipulate and gain a monopoly control over our food chains.

The risks of deregulation are enormous and the results could (and based on past “experiments” WOULD) be catastrophic.

These toxic industries should have checks and balances increased not given free reign. We the public have a right to know when our foods has been corrupted with substances and altered genetics. We are NOT their wholesale experiments. Australia is becoming a country driven by greed and profit for a few while the rest of the population is treated as expendable commodities. This deregulation MUST not proceed.

Yours sincerely, Nigel Rice Mount Nasura, Western Australia, 6112, Australia

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Subject: Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques'

It was with horror that again I read of yet another threat to our wellbeing – potential deregulation of genetic modifications. Have we learned nothing from the disasters of the past.

Why are average people always the second class citizens to big corporations that use us as experiments and view us merely as a source of income? Once we have been sickened by the chemicals or unsafe altered substances then they can give us then they use their drugs to treat or cure us of the disease (eg cancer). How wonderful for them and disastrous for us.

Monsanto has given many people cancer with their glyphosate – proven. Most people tested in the USA had the pesticide in their systems. Bayer are killing bees with their nicotinoids. Monsanto tried to force South American farmers to use only their seed and their products – they want a global food monopoly. And if this deregulation goes ahead there is nothing to stop them achieving that. They are already powerful and cashed up. They have no scruples. They NEED to be monitored to protect us, the public. We have a right to know what we are ingesting and to say no.

It would be foolhardy to allow this to occur. In fact more than that – criminally negligent. Deregulation of any component of this highly risky area of genetic modification must not occur.,

Yours sincerely, Sandra Reed Mount Nasura, Western Australia, 6112, Australia

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I don't actually support any genetic modification of foods at all.

I resent that previously nutritious foods crops such as soy and corn have been ruined by genetic engineering. For this reason, I exclude these and other GMO foods from my diet.

In my opinion it is totally unethical to genetically engineer food crops, for multiple reasons. I find it particularly infuriating that GMO crops contaminate non-GMO plants via pollen, as in the case of corn. ALL CORN ON THE PLANET is now GMO contaminated. UNACCEPTABLE!

Without meaning to be rude, or directing my anger at any particular individual, I personally feel that if you were properly fulfilling the roles you have been employed to undertake on our behalf, it would go without saying that these foods should be regulated. Further, these techniques should not be allowed in the first place

Yours sincerely, Merryn Bayliss

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My family and myself do not want to eat any GM foods at all. I believe any foods that have been altered using 'new breeding techniques' should be branded as such so the buyer knows exactly what they are purchasing. Please, keep the food as organic as possible without the need for toxins, additives or insecticides. I would prefer that N.Z. banned any such items – they are not needed and not wanted. It is imperative that the consumer knows exactly what they are buying and eating.

Yours sincerely, Denise Price

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Subject: Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques'

I am a consumer who values above all else that what I and my community are eating is safe. All new GM techniques, food products and ingredients should be regulated and labelled. If these new techniques are safe then pre-market testing, full labelling and follow-up monitoring will confirm this. It is my understanding that independent scientists have warned that there are risks of “unintended genetic effects” from these new techniques and that these effects can be very hard to detect. As a consequence more rigorous and sensitive testing needs to be put in place rather than reducing regulation. It is important to the public interest in New Zealand and Australia that we do not allow regulations to be manipulated to allow CRISPR products to escape the Gene Technology Act 2000. New Zealand has built its economy as a producer of GE-free, safe clean and ethically produced food. We need to live up to this by having best practice world class food testing, monitoring and labelling

systems. New Zealand has a market advantage that requires constant scrutiny of any changes to food production methods including products from CRISPR.

Yours sincerely, Jennifer Auger

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There are NO exceptions. GM plants, animals and microbes all pose unique risks so assessing the GM production process is appropriate and necessary. Genetic modification techniques pose unique risks and all new genetic modification techniques should be assessed for safety before being allowed in our food. They should also be labelled so we are fully informed. This includes gene editing, GM rootstock grafting, cisgenesis, intragenesis RNA interference and null segregants. Gene editing techniques cause DNA double strand breaks and can be used sequentially to make dramatic differences to DNA. They are also prone to additional unexpected mutations. The risks associated with these techniques warrant pre-market safety assessment and approval.

CRISPR was only invented 5 years ago. Reviews commissioned by the Austrian and Norwegian governments concluded that not enough is known about the risks (e.g. off target effects) posed by new GM techniques such as CRISPR. They recommended that products derived from these techniques require comprehensive case-by-case risk assessments.

More testing needs to be done before these foods can be called safe or sustainable.

Yours sincerely, Hailey Owen

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Please cease this immediately GMO is going to be the death of mankind.

Yours sincerely, Binlong Pan

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NO to GMO.

This is not a decision that should be made 'for' (or on behalf of) anyone – We as humans, or even scientists, do not know enough about what we are playing with in this space to be able to safely modify our most important basic resource of food. Once this kind of thing is opened up, there is no going back, and it may do well more damage than good. It also opens up those 'foods' to be 'owned' by companies, which is not the way the world should be. Noone should be able to own the patent on something that is made available by our planet.

There is just no good reason to be doing this anywhere in a developed nation. We are not in desperate need of newer/cheaper/faster methods of producing food and are making do just fine with they way things are. The minute you start messing with Genetic modification then you can potentially destroy the natural order of life (our's included)

I am not against Australian being the first to do something, but THIS is not the place to be doing it.

Additionally, anything that does involve GMO products (directly or indirectly) needs to be labelled clearly to indicate this.

Yours sincerely, Matt Dodd Scarborough, Western Australia, 6019, Australia

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NBT Consult Submissions

From: Mary Byrne <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 April 2018 5:54 PM
To: NBT Consult Submissions; Joel Fitzgibbon; David Littleproud; Tony Zappia; Bridget McKenzie; Niall Blair; Jill Hennessy; Steven Miles; Alannah MacTiernan; Meegan Fitzharris
Subject: Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques'

Dear FSANZ members,

Time after time regulatory agencies do not err on the side of caution and bow down to commercial interests. In the case of genetic engineering, the stakes have never been higher. If wrong, the results can be catastrophic. Reviews commissioned by the Austrian and Norwegian governments concluded that not enough is known about the risks these new GM techniques pose. They recommended that products derived from them require comprehensive case-by-case risk assessments.

Please act sensibly and in the public interest – whose interest you are supposed to be acting in.

Yours sincerely, Mary Byrne

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Subject: Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques'

We have the chance to keep GMO's out of our food chain. This is being denied to people in other countries, under the power of Monsanto and other big businesses.

Diseases have been directly attributed to GMO's and glyphosate (used extensively in growing GM crops) and these same diseases are now rampant in Australia. Without our permission, GM ingredients are slipped into processed foods. Why do you think there is such an increase in Parkinsons, cancer, diabetes, obeisity, autism, MS etc? The world is already toxic with heavy metals and chemicals and creating huge amounts of wealth for those involved in these industries.

Before it is way too late, please consider the future health of the nation not the wealth of big companies and keep GMO's OUT of our food chain.

Yours sincerely, Iris Field Dunkeld, Victoria, 3294, Australia

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Reviews commissioned by the Austrian and Norwegian governments concluded that not enough is known about the risks these new GM techniques pose.

I hope those entrusted with the decision are aware that if they vote in favour this action cannot be undone ever! and given that even experts in the field cannot give 100% assurances that these techniques or even GM are safe then any such decision could have dire consequences for future generations. The testing and trails have not been done, so how can anyone in their right mind put aside the safety of a population on the assurances of some commercial interests.

Genetic modification techniques pose unique risks and all new genetic modification techniques should be assessed for safety before being allowed in our food. They should also be labelled so we are fully informed. This includes gene editing, GM rootstock grafting, cisgenesis, intragenesis RNA interference and null segregants.

CRISPR was only invented 5 years ago . Reviews commissioned by the Austrian and Norwegian governments concluded that not enough is known about the risks (e.g. off target effects) posed by new GM techniques such as CRISPR. They recommended that products derived from these techniques require comprehensive case-by-case risk assessments.

Gene editing techniques cause DNA double strand breaks and can be used sequentially to make dramatic differences to DNA. They are also prone to additional unexpected mutations. The risks associated with these techniques warrant pre-market safety assessment and approval.

RNA interference is a GM technique and can result in heritable genetic changes so must also be assessed for safety before being used in our food.

GM plants, animals and microbes all pose unique risks so assessing the GM production process is appropriate.

All organism have evolved over thousands of years symbiotically together, this new technology and indeed GE are introducing an unknown shortcut into evolution – just cos we can doesn't mean we should.

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Subject: FW: New Genetic Breeding Technologies submission [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

From: Dieter Riedel [mailto:dbriedel@gmail.com]
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Subject: New Genetic Breeding Technologies submission

Hi there,

I tried to make a submission via your website submission form but could not proceed due to captcha being outdated problem!?

Please see my submission text as follows:

I am opposed to any genetic manipulation of our foods as there are no adequate safety studies to make sure these do not pose a long-term health and environmental risk.

From my own studies I would rather conclude that the long-term experiment in the US exposing people to GMOs shows rather significant health and environmental risks, i.e. elevated cancer and autism rates, desertification of previously fertile lands, etc.

Hence I support a very strict regulation or even ban on but not limited to gene editing, CRISPR, GM rootstock grafting, cisgenesis, intragenesis RNA interference and null segregants.

You have a responsibility to see the bigger picture, research for yourself and protect humans and the environment we depend on for many generation to come.

Kind Regards

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