



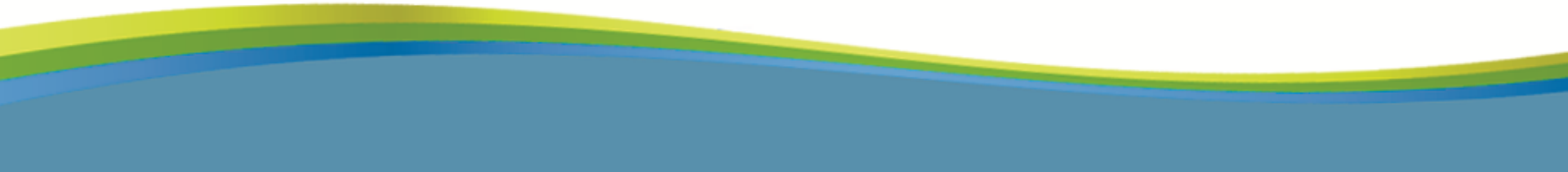
Introduction

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Workshop on the Regulatory Status of New Breeding Techniques
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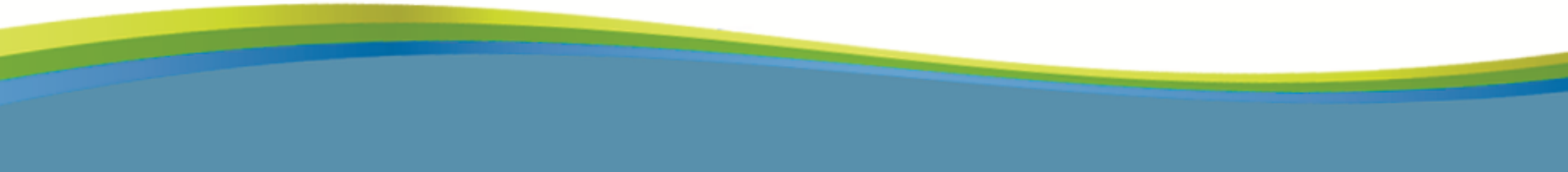
The Issue

- **The new breeding techniques issue has been around for about five years**
- **Crops and livestock developed using new breeding techniques are rapidly approaching commercialisation – some crops are already commercialised overseas**
- **There is uncertainty about whether these techniques are captured by gene technology regulations**
 - **Product developers want to know if pre-market approval is required for food products**



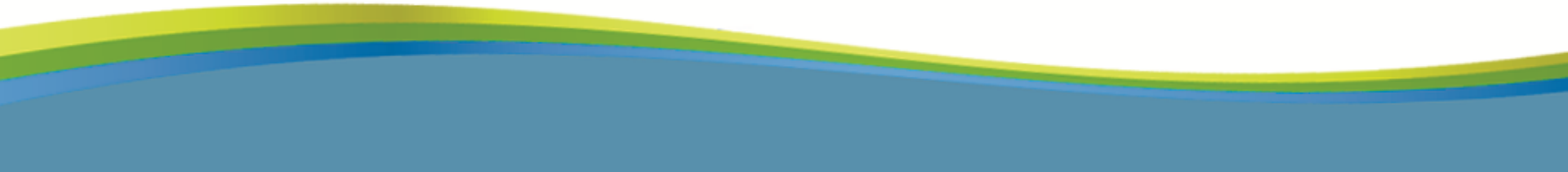
The Regulatory Problem

- **There is ambiguity in the GM food standard when it comes to certain NBTs**
 - for some techniques its a matter of interpretation as to whether they come within the scope of the standard
- **FSANZ does not have a statutory function to provide formal advice on the interpretation of definitions**
- **A number of companies intend to submit applications to FSANZ to trigger a decision regarding the regulatory status of certain NBTs**



Purpose of Workshop

- To inform jurisdictions about the issue
- To seek views from jurisdictions and hopefully develop consensus around how the GM food standard should be interpreted with respect to NBTs
- To provide an opportunity for discussion of some of the broader issues and how they should be managed into the future



Today's Discussion

Morning session - Background

- What are NBTs
- What work has FSANZ been doing on NBTs
- What is the regulatory problem
- What is FSANZ's view

Afternoon session – Discussion

- Views of jurisdictions
- Consensus building
- Broader implications
- Agreed outcomes and next steps

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