

NBT Consult Submissions

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Sent: Wednesday, 28 March 2018 10:38 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'

To Whom It May Concern

As a mother of twins 7year old & a grandmother of a 5yr & 3yr old granddaughters I am highly concerned that there is the chance that GM food will not be labelled & also not assessed for safety.

I extremely conscious when I shop that I am purchasing primarily organic or at least spray free produce. Also I am very conscious as well with limited shop purchased at the supermarket (which I constantly having glasses out reading whether it is GM or not (I am very conscious of never purchasing GM food ... concerns arising that it should definitely be labelled so I have the choice to purchase or not to purchase especially since one of my twins is an asthmatic & I need to know everything that could potentially have an effect on him.)

As this new process CRISPR has only been invented 5 years ago .. I am highly concerned that there is not enough known about the risks & whether or not recommendations will be adhered especially as these GM techniques should be assessed for case-by-case risk assessments.

My other concern arising with this is how with Gene editing techniques they are prone to additional unexpected mutations once again this is all should be safety assessed before being available on the market.

I do truly hope you take my comments on board as I & many others are extremely conscious of what is consumed in the body & the long term effect.

Regards ...

Yours sincerely, Kathleen Miller Benowa, Queensland, 4217, Australia

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

I can't believe that any country would just give GMOs free-reign! I've been writing e-mails like crazy for the US to not go this route and been happy to hear that at least in some cases/countries in Europe they are working hard to keep GMOs under control and forcing strict labeling of any products that contain anything GMO. I hope you realize that there are many people out there who really want to know what they're putting in their bodies & are given the choice of what products: GMO or not, they want to buy. Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely, Anni Papp

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

To FSANZ,

I would like to hereby submit my concerns about the proposed deregulation of a range of new genetic modification (GM) techniques in animals, plants and microbes.

As I understand the proposal, no safety testing and no labelling will be required of these GM products.

I urge you to block this proposal.

Genetically modified (GM) techniques encompass a large and growing variety of techniques with which to change the genes of plants, animals and other organisms. This field of research has produced numerous products that have been of immense short-term benefit to us all; however, these benefits may come at subtle and longterm costs, just like the chemical and plastic revolutions of the 1950s and 1960s did, or the aerosols in subsequent decades, and now climate change damage from fossil fuels that for a century and a half fueled our progress.

We know very little about genes and we know even less about the consequences of modifying them through other means than breeding. Given the considerable unknowns in these new technologies, caution is warranted. This is indeed the prudent stance of the EU where GM food is not allowed, and other GM products are under strict regulation.

Australia should be similarly prudent and ban GM food, at least until we know much more about the science of GM and its impact.

Therefore, please do not allow dangerous short-term thinking to lead to deregulation of GM products here in Australia.

Yours sincerely, Thomas Britz Coogee, NSW 2034, Australia

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

Gmo's have proven to be harmful to people and the environment already. So I don't understand why they are allowed at all. Well actually I do because there are some people on this planet that want absolute control of our food system (control the food and you control the people) Which is just sick. The corruption has gone too far already it must be stopped. yours sincerely, Audrey Collins

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

There is not enough known about the dangers of GM modified foods and processing techniques. Please do not deregulate this industry.

Sincerely Chris Bowman

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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.

Yours sincerely, Jerry Matsui

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

We won't know if genetically modified substances are in our food if they are permitted and not labelled – and moreover these genetically modified foods won't be assessed sufficiently for long term safety either.

Australia should not be the first country in the world to deregulate a range of new genetic modification (GM) techniques in animals, plants and microbes. All new genetic modification techniques should be assessed for safety before being allowed in our food. RNA interference, a GM technique, can result in heritable genetic changes.

Austrian and Norwegian governments commissioned reviews and 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.

For example CRISPR, a new GM techniques was only invented 5 years ago so must be properly assessed for longer term safety before being used in our food. The risks associated with these techniques warrant pre-market safety assessment and approval.

They would enter our food chain and our environment with no sufficient safety testing and no labeling. The risks are enormous and the results could be catastrophic.

Yours sincerely, S Gould

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

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.

Please read the email tips above for some points you could include in your own comments.

Yours sincerely, Emilie Alciato Yarra Junction, Victoria, 3797, Australia

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

I have read extensively about GM foods and the measured consequences of consuming these, and noted with alarm the instant reprisals against researchers who demonstrated the outcomes.

In fact, I have noted similar reprisals when other health risks are exposed. This is unacceptable.

One thing has become abundantly clear to me and that is, until the unhealthy and corrupt link between corporations and our political representatives has been severed, there can be no release of GM foods on consumers.

I have executed research for governments and I have learned first hand how objectivity and integrity were entirely abandoned after 1983.

Now, as to more specific objections, and in the interests of brevity, I have cut and pasted the following:

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 not only appropriate, it is imperative.

Finally, as I pointed out to Tony Bourke a decade back, politicians, government officials, and scientists who chose to look the other way regarding GM risks to human health, will undoubtedly one day face prosecution for crimes against humanity. I consider this to be yet another opportunity to demonstrate to the courts that warnings were frequent and prolific.

Yours sincerely, Tony Hayward-Ryan Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory, 0880, Australia

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

It is NOT alright with me to release new organisms into the food chain and environment hailed as safer. That argument never happened in the past. We already have enough genetically modified organism questions that are not answered and reducing knowledge to the public of the new strains is still GMO in my opinion. And it is sneaky and dishonest and seemingly only economy driven and not health or environment driven in my mind.

Yours sincerely, Cara Dawn Brighton, Victoria, 3186, Australia

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

Take heed!

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, Matt Goodin Footscray, Victoria, 3011, Australia

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From: Evelyn Collin <evie@bluewaterlogistics.com.au>
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Subject: NBT Consultation Paper – FSANZ is seeking input from the community on whether food derived using new breeding techniques (NBTs) should be captured for pre-market approval under the Code, and whether the definitions for 'food produced using gene technol...

FSANZ invites written submissions on the following consultation paper **by 6pm (Canberra time) 12 April 2018**

- [NBT Consultation Paper](#) – FSANZ is seeking input from the community on whether food derived using new breeding techniques (NBTs) should be captured for pre-market approval under the Code, and whether the definitions for 'food produced using gene technology' and 'gene technology' should be changed to improve clarity.

My details:

Evelyn Collin

Concerned consumer and mother of 4 children

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Bridgetown, WA

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I, Evelyn Collin am asking for all new techniques used to produce food to be regulated.

There is insufficient knowledge of the risks of these techniques and all of them should be regulated, [according to Austrian government agencies](#). The Norwegian Environment and Development Agencies concluded [further biosafety research needs to be done](#) before these techniques are commercialised. New Zealand has ruled they are Genetic Modification and therefore need regulation. They cannot be used in organic food says the [International Organic Federation IFOAM](#).

Under Australian law, these techniques are clearly gene technology and therefore should be regulated.

I want the following regulated: gene editing, CRISPR, GM rootstock grafting, cisgenesis, intragenesis RNA interference and null segregants. Why? Because the research simply hasn't been done to show there are no unintended consequences and that these foods or techniques are safe for commercial use. They are required to be regulated under the Gene Technology Act 2000. This defines gene technology as "[any technique for the modification of genes or other genetic material](#)". It clearly includes all new GM techniques including RNA interference.

All consumers/growers have a right to know what we are eating and growing. If these techniques are safe and valuable then pre-market testing, full labelling and follow up monitoring will confirm this.

Thank you for hearing my concerns and acting on my behalf,

Evelyn Collin

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From: Troy Lever <campaigns@good.do>
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Subject: Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques'

We have a right to know!

Yours sincerely, Troy Lever Mount Keira, New South Wales, 2500, Australia

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

Its amazing to think we can have GMO food marketed to the population for which there has been little testing – I cannot fathom out how the people who make these decisions think – I am convinced the younger generation will turn this around and not act so ignorantly.

Yours sincerely, sandy Harding Mermaid Beach, Queensland, 4218, Australia

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

I request that all GM food is tested independently for human and environmental safety. In particular:

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Yours sincerely, Susan Ablitt Mansfield, Victoria, 3722, Australia

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

We as citizens deserve the right to know what's in our food. Crisper technology has no safety studies and RNA interference can cause DNA mutations. It is outrageous and if you refuse to label organic is the only solution.

Yours sincerely, Michele Yorke

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

Dear FSANZ

I am writing to you to express my concern about the infiltration of GM foods into our food chain. In particular the new methods that are insufficiently tested.

Actually, I believe that the GM giants are inventing new ways to grow produce that mean we can continue to plunder the planet rather than take stock of our current environmental situation, and grow produce in a more environmentally friendly and sustainable fashion. Additionally, if these technologies take over, then companies such as Monsanto will have even greater control over seed stocks and the planet's future.

Even that aside, it is reckless to allow these GM products to enter our food chain without thorough testing on a case by case basis. Our consumption is so heavily regulated at the other end of the food safety chain (ie how the produce is prepared before it reaches our plates) in order to protect consumers from ill health and other negative outcomes, it is unfathomable that the same care not be taken to protect us from the very start of the production process. Maybe it's more obvious immediately if someone dies or suffers severe complications from poorly prepared food, than the gradual appearance of health issues over time from other causes (eg GM derived product), but if your Body has the power to allow or disallow products / procedures, then you have a responsibility to thoroughly investigate -case by case – in order to protect consumers.

The other issue is that of labelling. Consumers have a right to know not just where products originate and in what percentage, they also have a right to know where and how much GM products have been included in their food. For example, has cattle been fed on GM corn and is that GM fed beef being used in stocks, gravy etc? And why are our labelling laws not more stringent in that regard? GM producers assert that GM products are not harmful and therefore there is no need to identify them. But if they aren't harmful, then why do the producers care if they ARE included clearly in labels? The answer is that people won't buy those products if they know they contain GM produce and consequently consumers are being fed these contents by stealth.

To summarise: ALL GM products should be thoroughly tested ALL items containing GM produce should be labelled as clearly as the new "Australian made" labels so people know which ingredients are GM derived, to what degree, and what percentage of the end product contains the GM ingredient.

I believe the planet's future depends on more sustainable, organic based farming practices, not those that find better ways to bypass the taking of responsibility for our earth, and bypass nature in the process.

Please consider your impact on this as you take your decisions on these matters. Thank you for your time thus far

Yours sincerely, Karin Hentschel Katoomba, New South Wales Australia

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

To whom it may concern,

If there is unequivocally nothing potentially dangerous with GM foods then there should be no issue in labelling them.

People should have the right to know exactly what is in their food.

If you think there is no problem with GMO's then there should be no problem in displaying GMOs on food labels.

Let us decide what we put in our bodies.

Yours sincerely, Alicia Flynn Reservoir, Victoria, 3073, Australia

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

I believe it is unacceptable for the Australian government to take away my decision-making power by allowing food which has been genetically modified in any way to be sold without appropriate testing and labelling. I care about my health and what goes into my body, so it is important for me to know what's in the food I eat.

All genetic modification techniques pose unique risks, so should be rigorously assessed before being allowed in our food. New GM techniques such as CRISPR have been assessed by other countries (e.g. Austria and Norway) as needing further research to fully understand the risks. Gene editing techniques and RNA interference have also produced concerning and sometimes unexpected results. Again, these need to be researched more completely, and this information made available to consumers so that we can make an informed choice about the food we are eating.

GM plants, animals and microbes all pose unique risks so please ensure that the Australian government invests in appropriate research into the GM production process.

Yours sincerely, Julie Lee East Ryde, New South Wales, 2113, Australia

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

It is a basic right that I know what genetic alterations have been made to food that I and my family eat.

To feed genetically modified food to human beings is to use them as Guinea pigs. Not enough time has passed to know what the long-term effects might be.

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 necessary.

Yours sincerely, Barry Miller Drewvale, Queensland, 4116, Australia

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