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By Email

RE: Proposal P1055 – Definitions for gene technology and new breeding techniques

To whom it may concern,

Please accept a submission from Barley Australia Ltd regarding Proposal P1055 – Definitions for gene technology and new breeding techniques. This submission has been endorsed by the Board of Directors of Barley Australia.

Barley Australia is the peak industry body for barley and seeks to represent the interest of all stakeholders of Australia's barley industry.

Barley Australia welcomes this review, and the opportunity to achieve clarity for the market regarding the regulation and utilisation of gene technology, whilst balancing this against the requirement for food safety. We feel that it is important to have harmonisation between OGTR and FSANZ regulations, and that there is transparency in this process of developing appropriate definitions.

Access to new breeding technologies is critical for researchers and breeders to continue to explore and develop world class barley varieties, that will be globally competitive and provide value to Australian growers and right through the supply chain to our customers, both domestic and international. It is recognised that there will be some market access matters for the industry to resolve, as different countries approach the regulation of SDN1 and associated NBTs differently, however the grains industry is well equipped to navigate this.

We look forward to following the outcome of this consultation process.

Kind regards,

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