

## NBT Consult Submissions

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**From:** Hyun Ki Park <campaigns@good.do>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 7 April 2018 12:10 AM  
**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'

Hi. I just want to express my concern about the safety of GM food in Australia.

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.

I want to live in a country where my family can live free from GM food and maintain health and wellbeing. I am a healthcare professional and am very health-conscious and I firmly believe that GM food is evil to everyone and do harm to people in Australia for sure.

Yours sincerely, HYUN PARK

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

I demand more transparency in relation to decisions made about the seeds and food we eat.

Yours sincerely, Michael Webb Byron Bay, New South Wales, 2481, Australia

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Please understand you are what you eat. Modifying any food groups without the proper research is hazardous and incompetent. GMO wheat rats totally avoid, they will not eat it, why? We are I hope smarter than a rat but only a rat would let this legislation in without proper due diligence

Yours sincerely, Mark Barone Burleigh Heads, Queensland, 4220, Australia

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If the biotechnology industry gets its way, Australia will be the first country in the world to deregulate a range of new genetic modification (GM) techniques in animals, plants and microbes. They will enter our food chain and our environment with no safety testing and no labelling. The risks are enormous and the results could 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.

These techniques and the potential risks posed by them must be avoided. Yours sincerely, Patrick Irwin  
Woodbridge, Western Australia, 6056, Australia

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While I do not live in the beautiful nation of Australia, I hope you will also consider my point here — what you do is important to the entire world and particularly helps set a good example that we hope the US will follow.

I have no doubt that there are many positive aspects to genetic engineering: drought tolerance, increased productivity and nutrition, etc. But what it mostly seems to be used for is to increase corporate profits at the cost of environmental degradation, and the risks of this reality far outweigh the benefits.

Once released into the general ecosystem, we cannot put these man-made creations, many of which would never have occurred through natural selection, “back in the bottle.” And it is impossible for us to anticipate the many negative impacts interaction with natural species that could result.

Yours sincerely, Marianne Mukai

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We depend on a safe food chain and we need to protect that from dubious GM experiments.

Once the genie is out of the bottle there is no turning back.

This type of technology has implications for food sustainability, safety and sanctity.

Do not give the green light.

Yours sincerely, Bel BIRD

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Yours sincerely, Rosemary Haas Northcote, Victoria, 3070, Australia

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

Please regulate GMOs and they must not be allowed to be eaten by consumers. GMOs pose health risks especially when combined with pesticides used with and in conjunction of growing GMOS.

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

Yours sincerely, Jim Phillips

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I do not want to consume potentially unsafe food. Fine, go ahead with gmos that will make global multinationals rich and impoverish the world's non-western farmers. but at the same time make sure organic labels exclude gmos to ensure consumer choice, which after all is at the very basis of the stupid economic model that rules the world.

Yours sincerely, Gillian Hewitson Leura, New South Wales, 2780, Australia

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I carefully select GMO free food when shopping because I fear it has been shown to contaminate other crops and make farmers dependent on buying seeds.

Controls on GMO crops are therefore not strong enough and should be tightened.

THERE SHOULD BE CLEAR LABELLING OF ANY GM CONTENT IN EVERY PRODUCT & GM FREE ON OTHER PRODUCTS so that the public can easily choose.

Any relaxation in the labelling laws reflects the lobbying power of multinationals such as Monsanto and further erodes our democratic system..

Yours sincerely, Betty Russell North Warrandyte, Victoria, 3113, Australia

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Yours sincerely, mark rich Manly, New South Wales, 2095, Australia

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For health reasons I'm very careful about what I eat. I read labels and select carefully what I ingest. I've seen at first hand the selective breeding processes that are very sophisticated without the need for genetic modification. I want to see on a label when food has been genetically modified, then it is my choice whether to consume it or not. Without labeling I can only assume that certain brands or products are modified and can avoid them, but only if I know.

Yours sincerely, Heather Phillips Natimuk, Victoria, 3409, Australia

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Sir/Madam.

I strongly protest the allowing of genetic modified substances in to our food chain. Obvious to most ,the long term effects of GM products is not known. There is already huge problems with GM crops infecting organic/natural crops. It is well known that several large MEGA corporations have many politicians and civil servants in their "pockets" world wide. If this totally corrupt plan goes ahead then i would demand that all GM products be clearly labelled. I will hold you(the board) responsible both morally and financially if i find either myself, family or friends are deceived into consuming unmarked GM products.

Yours sincerely, malcolm cliff Elanora Heights, New South Wales, 2101, Australia

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Please take notice, we do not want our foods becoming technological inventions! I have inherited the genetic diversity of my ancestors who ate whatever nature provided, and the survival of my genetic inheritance needs the foods that countless generations have grown and saved seeds of, namely heirloom varieties of fruits and vegetables or new varieties bred from them. These seeds have not only survived, they have sustained all of us with the incredible nutrients they provide. These resources need our protection!

The food situation has changed dramatically in the past 100 years. Now chemical companies have taken over seed companies, chemical companies such as Monsanto and Syngenta, Bayer, Dow... there are merges among them... their power is immense as are their profits. Over 80% of the world's seeds are now corporately owned and around 90% of the crop varieties available 100 years ago have disappeared because of the Green Revolution's "modern" approach to agriculture, huge monocultures growing single crop varieties as far as the eye can see, a feast for pests that like those particular plants and therefore requiring pesticides and other chemicals on an unbelievable scale – chemicalised food.

How does anyone know the effect that the plant and seed technologies currently trying to slip under the radar will do to the delicate balance of beneficial insects with predator insects for example, or the types of organisms that will evolve because of these engineered foods, or engineered animals? Who will be responsible to try to solve the inevitable issues that arise? The corporations? Hardly! Just look at Monsanto as an example – they have become very rich with their glyphosate product "Roundup" while not taking any responsibility for the growing body of evidence that their product is causing serious damage to the environment, and to humans as a cause of cancer. Glyphosate residue is in all our foods already, and it destroys our gut microbiome which is a vital part of our immune system, and thereby robs us of vital hormones and neurotransmitters by messing with our ability to make some proteins, and more is being discovered daily of the damage it causes. .

All GM crops require enormous toxic chemical inputs!! We don't need chemicalised food, so don't allow these technologies release their UNTESTED products into the environment and not take responsibility for the consequences. Mankind has not evolved to thrive on engineered chemicalised foods!! Our food source needs to match or genetic makeup as it has for all of history! Nature provides us with a safe way to make new varieties – it's called cross-pollination. Let's do more of that!!!

So what is a true cost to benefit ratio? We need safety tests and we need extreme caution before allowing these new technologies loose on our soil, and beyond that on the planet we seem to be trying to destroy? .Only humans seem to be stupid enough to destroy their only "home" deliberately.

Yours sincerely, Patrina Nuske-Small

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Many of us feel that GMO food and seeds are damaging to our body and we dont want them added to our food. Testing done by non affiliated scientists have proven damage to our bodies and to animals eg the South Australin study with the pigs – where inflammatory disease in the gut cased illness and death. We must have a choice so labelling is imperative . But labelling does not solve the problem of contamination of growing and contamination of non gmo seeds. Plus many of the countries we export our grains to do not want GMO grains etc.

As well GMO grain from USA and other South American countries is entering our food chain as food for chickens and cattle without labelling . So the general public are not aware that their local chicken etc is contaminated with GMOs. To top this off Drs and Scientists are finding tha Glyphosate that is used in all GMO Agriculture is causing die off of the gut microbiome in humans and animals leading to leaky gut auto immune diseases and cancers. Please have the courage to stand up to these multi national GMO companies to save our health and food and economy.

Yours sincerely, Cheryl Kemp

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I have never felt the need to make a submission on anything to any authority, however this issue has caused me to act. These are new technologies which have not been trialled for long term risks. Risks that are too great for the health and well being of our children but also our farmlands and environment. At the absolute minimum all GM produce must be labelled.

We should never allow profit over choice and health, nor should these new 'breeds' be rushed into the market when little is known of the potential for mutation from some of the technologies used.

Yours sincerely, Delwyn Crinis Woonona, New South Wales, 2517, Australia

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**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'

As a formal Agricultural Scientist, I can confirm all GMO foods are lethal to healthy cells. GMO foods ought be banned immediately. Please read the email tips above for some points you could include in your own comments.

Yours sincerely, Mark Pytellek

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

I am alarmed that Australia would even consider using GM modifications in plants and microbes which will affect our environment in ways that will not be able to be controlled. Europe has banned GM foods. The US will not even label them clearly. Everyone wants clean and green, because our world is becoming continually polluted with man made rubbish. This will cause more pesticide use on crops because that is what GM crops allow and promote. You will be allowing food chains to be toxic!! Even when you introduce foreign species into environments they upset the ecological balance and become a pest. ( rabbits, cane toads etc) Australia needs to be clean and green without genetic pollution. This is what will benefit our economy. Nature knows best. If experiments are tested with utmost integrity then this will be seen to be so.

The powers that be need to be transparent instead of introducing these changes without our knowledge and by not clearly labelling all products affected by GM.

I implore you do NOT go down this road. We will all suffer.

Yours sincerely, Deb Beaty

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

FSANZ,

Please accept this as my comments on the: Food derived using new breeding techniques – NBT review

I share the safety concerns of the public in relation to genetically modified food, plant and animal techniques and feel we must apply the precautionary principle when assessing the safety of food derived from “new breeding techniques”.

I believe it is important to update the code to reflect the changing technology and improve safety standards in relation to GM foods by ensuring assessment is rigorous and unbiased. The public needs to know we are being protected from unscrupulous industry players and that the food we eat is not contaminated by GMO ingredients that have been poorly assessed for safety.

GM techniques pose unique risks and our knowledge and understanding of the risks is inadequate where gene editing, GM rootstock grafting, cisgenesis, intragenesis RNA interference and null segregants are used.

CRISPR was only invented 5 years ago and not enough is known about the risks. Gene editing techniques can cause unexpected DNA mutations and should be checked before any approvals. The technique of RNA interference can result in heritable genetic changes which pose unknown health risks in food products.

All GM derived food product ingredients must be clearly labelled to allow consumers the right to refuse ingesting these gene modified ingredients. Our right to choose is a tenet of democracy and this should also apply to food products that have been derived from GM techniques. I am extremely concerned that these GM food products are already being sold to unsuspecting consumers across Australia. Our food labelling laws need to keep pace with assessment and approval processes.

GM plants, animals and microbes all pose unique risks therefore assessment of the safety of the GM production process is appropriate and warranted.

Yours sincerely, Meredith Stanton NSW 2453 7 April 2018

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**Subject:** Submission re. Consultation paper on Food derived using 'new breeding techniques', GMO's, gene-splicing and other related technologies

Dear Sir/Madam

I am 68 years old. During my lifetime I have observed explosions of food production technologies, ranging from biocides to GM animal and plant varieties such as the various Roundup Ready group. During the same period, many biocides have been banned as their toxic effects became known, e.g. DDT, dieldrin, aldrin, etc. And they were promptly replaced with others, e.g. neonicotinoids, which haven't (yet) been banned. In parallel with these explosions, I have also observed the enormous rise in incidence of many diseases and morbid conditions, obesity and type 2 diabetes being two of the common ones. Yes, I understand the difference between correlation and causation. And I also understand the power of commercial interests in preserving regulatory approval of many toxic products. As a species, we are well on the way to self-destruction, without even considering the effects of climate change on the ecologies on which we are dependent! Sobering thought, isn't it? My conclusions are that, as a species, we are incapable of applying the precautionary principle; and, sadly, we are incapable of learning from our mistakes. Please prove me wrong, on at least this issue. Please do not allow foods with any kind of GM content or process to be introduced to Australia and New Zealand. Please apply the precautionary principle.

Yours sincerely, Adrian Holbeck

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