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To whom it may concern,

I am extremely concerned about the possible risks if the OGTR deregulates new GM techniques. Living in Australia we are all familiar with risky biological solutions. Just think of the cane toad invasion – a great idea at the time. yet no-one could have imagined the destruction and how out-of-control these toads would be and the subsequent disaster they are having on our wildlife.

I am only asking that we stop and think, and put good regulations in place before releasing anything we will regret later. With life processes there are no second chances and I, and many other people, do not want to take unnecessary risks with unknown consequences. There is too much at stake to take a risk and be wrong.

It's about common sense and looking ahead. It's about thinking before you leap. And it's interesting that the Austrian and Norwegian governments have concluded that not enough is known about the risks posed by these new GM techniques. They recommended that products derived from them require comprehensive case-by-case risk assessments.

I agree!

Yours sincerely,

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