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This email is in regards to the proposed GT amendments.

I am strongly in favour of Option 1: Retain the current GT Regulations.

The only way to ensure the level of regulation is commensurate with risk is to treat all Genetic Modification techniques as dangerous. Scientists are constantly pushing ahead with new technologies only to find out later down the track that they have overlooked an important risk, "Oops, we used to think this but now we know that..." When you mention "risk", therein lies the problem, with such new technology, to believe that scientists actually understand the potential risks would be a huge mistake.

It is clear to me that any organism that has undergone any SDN techniques, regardless of how small IS GENETIC MODIFICATION. It is preposterous to suggest otherwise.

As an organic farmer and supporter, if the current GT regulations are not retained, there will be no way of knowing what is as nature intended and what came out of a lab. There is a huge growing global movement of people who want to eat wholesome food. We rely on Organic Certification to show that the food has not been tampered with. All of these businesses will be placed in jeopardy if the GT regulations are relaxed.

Yours Faithfully

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