

**Email Submission: CSIRO**

Draft Amendment Proposals for the Technical Review of the Gene Technology Regulations 2001 - CSIRO Submission

Dear Dr Bhula,

CSIRO wishes to express its thanks for a comprehensive and engaging Technical Review of the Gene Technology Regulations.

Although CSIRO supported a less restrictive position, we support the proposed regulation amendments. The amendments as proposed clearly fit within current Gene Technology Scheme policy constraints and importantly provide regulatory clarity for several new and developing technologies.

CSIRO remains hopeful the Review of the National Gene Technology Scheme will give the Regulator greater flexibility to regulate gene technologies and their applications commensurately with risk. We recognise the area of new genetic technologies is rapidly developing and anticipate further regulation amendments to follow the Review of the National Gene Technology Scheme.

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