



Australian Government

Department of Health

Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

Receipt of licence application from the University of Queensland for a trial of genetically modified vaccines against Ross River virus infection in horses

The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) has received a licence application (DIR 170) from the University of Queensland (UQ) to conduct a trial of genetically modified (GM) vaccines against Ross River virus infection in horses. A summary of the application is posted on our website under '[What's New](#)'.

The trial is proposed to take place at a single site, in Gatton, Queensland, over four years, involving a maximum of 40 horses. The applicant proposes a number of control measures to restrict the spread and persistence of the GMO and its genetic material.

UQ will need a permit from the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) for this trial.

The OGTR is preparing a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan for the application. This is expected to be released for public comment and advice from experts, agencies and authorities in **early November 2019**. There will be at least 30 days for submission of comments.

If you have any questions or would like to receive a copy of the full application or the summary, please contact the OGTR and quote the reference number DIR 170.

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