



**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 field trial of genetically modified sorghum***

The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) has received a licence application (DIR 189) from The University of Queensland to conduct a field trial with genetically modified (GM) sorghum with an asexual seed formation trait. A summary of the application is posted on our website (search for [DIR 189](#)).

The trial is proposed to take place between September 2022 and June 2025, on one site with a maximum area of one hectare per season. The trial site is located at the University of Queensland's Gatton Campus in the Lockyer Valley LGA in Queensland. The trial would be subject to control measures that restrict the spread and persistence of the GM plants and their introduced genetic material. The GM sorghum would not be used for human food or animal feed.

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 April 2022**. 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 189.

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