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Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee Meeting of 10 May 2024 Communiqué

This Communiqué covers matters considered at the 20th meeting of the Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee (10 May 2024)

Background

The Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee (GTECCC) is a statutory advisory committee established under the *Gene Technology Act 2000* to provide advice on the request of the Gene Technology Regulator (Regulator) or the Gene Technology Ministers' Meeting, on issues of ethical or community concern relating to gene technology.

The purpose of this Communiqué is to provide Committee resolutions and a brief overview of the key matters considered by GTECCC at its 20th meeting, held on 10 May 2024.

GTECCC Work Plan

Following a workshop with academics/experts in the communications field in October 2023, GTECCC progressed the development of a draft 'guiding principles for communication on gene technology' document through a targeted discussion with end-users. GTECCC considered the feedback provided by the end-users and agreed to revise the guidance to improve document clarity. GTECCC determined that the draft document should be referred to as 'guidance' rather than 'principles', and that the document should reflect this change in approach. GTECCC discussed the possible next steps for the guidance including public engagement.

Reports

GTECCC received reports from:

- the Regulator on recent activities of the OGTR
- the cross-member with the Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee (GTTAC) on recent GTTAC activities
- The cross-member with the Australian Health Ethics Committee (AHEC) on recent AHEC activities.

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