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**Department of Health and Aged Care**  
Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

## **NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION**

### ***Receipt of licence application from Oxitec Australia Pty Ltd for commercial release of a genetically modified (GM) mosquito strain to help prevent dengue outbreaks***

The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) has received a licence application DIR 207 from Oxitec Australia Pty Ltd (Oxitec). A summary of the application and a Questions and Answers document is posted on our [website](#) (search for [DIR 207](#)).

Oxitec is seeking approval to commercially release a genetically modified (GM) mosquito strain to reduce the population of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes to help prevent dengue outbreaks in Queensland.

The OGTR is preparing a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan (RARMP) for the application. The RARMP will be prepared taking into account advice received from a broad range of experts, agencies and authorities, and relevant local councils, as specified in the *Gene Technology Act 2000*. This is expected to be released for public comment and advice from experts, agencies and authorities in **May 2025**. 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 application or the summary, please contact the OGTR and quote the reference number DIR 207.

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