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Party policies on genetically modified (GM) animals, plants & microbes

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QUESTIONS (please clearly X your responses) **Y N Unsure**

1. Does your party have a policy on GM crops and foods?
(If so, please send a copy)

Will your party and its elected representatives advocate and vote to ensure:

Regulation

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| 2. regulators continue to assess, regulate and license all new processes of Genetic Modification (CRISPR; RNAi; ZFN; TALENS etc.)? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. the rigorous and precautionary assessment and labelling of all foods and other products made using the new GM techniques (CRISPR; RNAi; ZFN; TALEN; etc.)? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Food Standard 1.5.2 is amended to require the labelling of all foods made using existing and emerging GM methods, including refined oils, starches & sugars that are now exempt? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. all proposed general releases of GM organisms – animals, plants or microbes - are the trigger for a federal Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act review? ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. the Agricultural Chemical Re-Approval and Re-registration Scheme, cancelled in 2014, is reinstated? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

¹ <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/>

7. state and territory powers conferred under Section 21 of the Gene Tech Act 2000 (Cth) to declare GM and GM-free Zones for marketing reasons are maintained?

Research & Development

8. increased R&D funding into regenerative, eco-agricultural and organic systems, to reduce farmers' oil and phosphate dependency, and improve food security & sustainability?
9. funding independent research into the various environmental and public health impacts of all GM organisms and foods – crop plants, animals, insects, microorganisms, etc.?
10. to assess the economic, agronomic and social costs of public expenditures on GM R&D and commercialisation over the past 20 years?

Is there anything else you would like to say about your party's GM and pesticide free food, farm, environment and public health policies? Any other matters you want to raise?

5: The Greens believe that our national environment laws are completely broken and that the EPBC needs to be thrown out rather than reformed. As part of the development of a new Act, we are more than open to considering how we can incorporate protections for our natural environment from all threats, including the risks from GM invasive species and the threats of cross-contamination.

10: While the Greens support ongoing analysis of all on-going agricultural R&D to ensure value for money, we would argue such a comprehensive review of the last 20 years of spending is unnecessary. There is already broad agreement that our current agriculture model has failed to deliver long term outcomes for food security or the environment, and we would work to point Commonwealth R&D spending towards sustainable solutions instead.

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